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ORPHANS'
HOME



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Introduction

At a meeting of the Board of Managers of Nazareth Orphans' Home, February 8, 1956, the Board took note of the fact that 1956 marks the FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY of the Home. The Board planned appropriate commemoration celebrating the year and appointed the undersigned "to publish a complete history of the Home, bound in book form, for distribution".

The sources for the material set forth are: three volumes of the minutes of the Board of Managers; the minutes of the Classis of North Carolina 1899-1936; the Treasurer's books; records of the Home in the Superintendent's office; and all previous publications authorized by the Board.

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Acknowledgments

Acknowledgment is gratefully made: to Rev. W. H. McNairy, deceased, for office records left to posterity; to Rev. W. C. Lyerly, deceased, for his wonderful historical and precise records made of the Home, much of which is used in this book; to Mr. Ray P. Lyerly, former superintendent, who, with Rev. William C. Lyerly and Mr. George H. Moose compiled the book "Thirty Years Service". The contents of this book are reproduced to a great extent in this publication.

The helpful suggestions of the Golden Anniversary Committee, Rev. T. M. Shoffner and Mrs. Daisy F. Patterson, are also gratefully acknowledged. To our Treasurer, Mr. J. Yorke Peeler, we give a word of thanks for his help with financial portions of this publication.

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Dedication

This Golden Anniversary Book is humbly dedicated to the Glory of God; to the Honor and Memory of His faithful servants who are members of the Evangelical and Reformed Churches of Southern Synod and their Organizations; to Friends of the Home who gave of their substance, labor and love to make this Home a Haven of Refuge for needy children who have found their way to our door.

An Untiring Worker



The moving spirit in the conception and the founding of Nazareth Orphans' Home was Rev. J. M. L. Lyerly, Ph.D. He was chairman of the committee appointed at Lower Stone in 1899; the writer of the resolution adopted at Shiloh in 1901; the "agent" appointed at Daniel's in 1902; the chairman of the committee appointed at Corinth, Hickory, in 1903 that brought forth the name and the location, at Salisbury, October 13, 1903. He was elected to the Board of Managers, elected President October 13, 1903 and served for 20 years till his death March 17, 1923. He secured the Articles of Incorporation and the Charter.

Vision and Faith

“Whereas, It is the sense of this Classis that the establishment of an orphan’s home would be a most fitting twentieth century monument for our Church, and that it can be done through cooperation and systematic effort” was adopted by the Classis of North Carolina in Shiloh Reformed Church, Faith, annual session, May 1-4, 1901. The Reformed Church in North Carolina was not large: 15 Ministers, 15 Elders, representing 15 pastoral charges, 46 congregations with 3,416 members.

A vision! Out of it has come Nazareth Orphans’ Home. Faith in the ability and willingness of the Church to be as a father and a mother to her boys and girls who had none. There was no land, no buildings, no charter, no Board of Managers, no Superintendent. The seed-idea had been planted two years earlier at the annual session in Lower Stone Church. In 1899 the Classis adopted: “It is the sentiment of the Classis of North Carolina that something definite should be done with reference to the orphans of our Church—Resolved, that a committee of three be appointed to investigate the feasibility of the establishment of an orphans’ home for our Classis”.

Prior to this meeting of the Classis an article in the “Corinthian” called attention to two things: first, that there was no such home for which appeal could be made at Christmas for support; and second, that there must be some children who need such a home.

The committee, Revs. J. M. L. Lyerly, H. A. M. Holshouser, J. D. Andrew, waited two years till they brought forth the resolution that committed the Classis to the establishment of a home, and then with this condition: “that pledges on easy payments be made, said pledges to be valid only in case as much as three thousand dollars are thus obligated”.

The large amount, 50 per cent more than the total benevolent giving of the Classis that year, did not nip it in the bud. One year later the report to the Classis in Daniel’s Church, Lincoln County, was: “we beg to report the following returns in pledges: East Rowan charge \$283; Concord charge \$287; New Gilead charge \$400; Central Rowan charge \$1,306; Catawba charge \$71”.

The pastor of the Central Rowan charge, 4 small rural churches, was Rev. J. M. L. Lyerly. It is very clear that the work was largely his own personal effort. There was nothing from the larger group of churches of the “eastern district” and only \$71 from the “western district”. The Classis appointed him “agent” to go into all the churches to get pledges. He was a busy man—pastor, teacher, farmer. He was so certain that the Home must be established, so guided by the vision, that he went out. In 1903 at the annual session of Classis in Corinth Church, Hickory, he reported:

“Your agent—has been able to canvass a part” of the Classis. He named 10 pastoral charges as canvassed, some complete and some in part and concluded, “a total of \$3,824.40, with 20 congregations not heard from”. He did recommend that “the canvass should be resumed and the matter undertaken completed”.

The Classis took this action: “Resolved, that inasmuch as the conditions have been complied with, the securing of \$3,000.00 in subscriptions, a committee be appointed with Rev. J. M. L. Lyerly as chairman with instructions to formulate plans for the purpose of carrying out the action—to establish an Orphans’ Home”. The Classis hesitated on this report and finally adopted it by a majority of one vote.

A Name is Given

The Classis met in special session in First Reformed Church, Salisbury, August 13, 1903. 10 Ministers and 2 Elders were in attendance. The committee proposed and Classis adopted:

1. That the proposed orphanage be located at Crescent, N. C.
2. That the name be “Nazareth Orphans’ Home”.
3. That the Board of Managers shall consist of 12 members to serve 4 years. Power to elect to be invested in the Classis of North Carolina.
4. The Board of Managers shall have full power to transact all business relative to the home and make an annual report to Classis.

THE LOCATION. Crescent was a very small village in south Rowan. Here Rev. J. M. L. Lyerly had built his home. He had established “Crescent Academy and Business College”. He had organized and built Bethany Reformed Church. Lower Stone, the mother church whose building dates back to 1795, was within 3 miles. Other churches near are Mt. Hope, St. Luke’s, Shiloh at Faith and Ursinus at Rockwell. Crescent offered church, school and a Reformed community.

THE NAME. Nazareth! The village in which Jesus grew to manhood, the place where the synagogue with its school, the carpenter’s shop, and the home. Nazareth Orphans’ Home is to be a Christian home, the place where boys and girls would be trained and fashioned for the way of Christlike living.

At this call meeting of the Classis 12 men were elected to the Board of Managers. The Classis turned over to them the responsibility for the birth of the home that was conceived and named.

That same day the Board was organized by electing: Rev. J. M. L. Lyerly, President; Rev. W. B. Duttera, Secretary; Elder John H. Moose, Treasurer.

These officers were instructed to secure a charter. The Board reported to the Classis in the First Reformed Church, High Point, 1904, "a Certificate of Incorporation" bearing the date, October 30, 1903. Nazareth Orphans' Home is incorporated by act of the Legislature of the State of North Carolina. The Board purchased 16 $\frac{2}{5}$ acres of land for \$410.00. The Board made some effort to collect the pledges and "had been reasonably successful". Plans and specification for a "granite building" to be erected as "money in hand will warrant", and "several applications for admission of children" are in the report. The Board was acting on the faith that the vision would soon come true.

The Classis met in the First Reformed Church, Lexington, 1905. The President of the Board reported cash and pledges amounting to \$4,500.00 and "16 congregations not canvassed". It shows that the 20 churches not canvassed prior to the election of the Board are being canvassed, and that the collection of pledges already due was going forward.

The Board met in First Reformed Church, Salisbury, June 13, and proposed to build "a main or central building, two stories with basement, of native granite, 84 feet front, and 64 feet deep". Stone and sand were placed on the ground. The estimated cost was \$5,000.00. The Board was conservative and refused to go forward till they had the money. This building was never erected.



NAZARETH ORPHANS' HOME—1908

It was one year later, July 10, 1906, that the McNairy farm of 85 acres and a large 10 room house was purchased for \$4,100.00. The Board set the date for the opening of the Home, October 1, "or as soon thereafter as possible". Another 3 years had passed since the name was given.

The Home is Opened

*Miss Mary P. Abbott and 4 children moved into the McNairy home. December 1, 1906. That constituted the formal opening—the birth of Nazareth Orphans' Home. Miss Mary P. Abbott of Pennsylvania was employed in September. She visited the Bethany Home at Womelsdorf, Pennsylvania, to study management. She visited the Ohio Synod and the W. M. S. of Ohio Synod to appeal for money. The Board met October 12 and received three applications: Jeanette, William and Robert Carriker of Cabarrus County, west of Concord, half orphans. November 28, the Board received Edward G. Cowan. These constituted the first family. The vision that the few men had followed since 1899 had come to reality. Now it is the beginning of an adventure.

Will this new born child of the Reformed Church, named at its conception in 1903, live and grow? That is the brief story that is to be set forth in these pages, to commemorate the Fiftieth Anniversary.

Before the winter had come and gone four children were brought into the family circle. The report to the Classis in 1907, "There are now in the Home nine children, five girls ages 6 to 16 and four boys ages 6 to 15. We are now able to exhibit in a slight way the answer to the prayers of our people". The Board sent out an appeal at Christmas 1906 for money and provisions to maintain the home and "substantial returns" were acknowledged. "The children are happy, attend school, help in the Home, receive excellent training, and when time is given will prove to the Church the efficiency of the management".

An Orphanage with a Farm

The Home grew rapidly. In less than two years there were 16 children. "The work of the Home in all its details was too onerous for one person". Miss Mary P. Abbott resigned. Prof. and Mrs. Harvey F. Frick of Rockwell were elected Superintendent and Matron and began their service February 3, 1908. Their annual salary was to be \$300.00. Miss Ethel Shaffner of Pennsylvania was "General Financial Secretary" for seven months, retiring near the end of 1908 to become the wife of Rev. John P. Diffenderfer of Hummelstown, Pennsylvania.

Nazareth Orphans' Home has had a farm all these years. The McNairy farm of 85 acres was largely in a state of cultivation when purchased. Barns and other outbuildings were on the land, and there was an orchard

* No picture of Miss Abbott available.

and a pasture. Superintendent Frick reported at the end of the first year of his work in part: "250 bushels of corn, 1,000 quarts of canned fruit, 2½ bales of cotton, 75 bushels of sweet potatoes, 45 bushels of irish potatoes". All the work was done by the Superintendent, the Matron and the children in the Home. The farm has been a practical training school all these years.



MR. AND MRS. H. F. FRICK

At the time of purchase the Board thought there was enough timber on the land for fuel for many years. A few acres were cleared each year and added to the farm. The boys dug out the stumps. From time to time additional lands have been purchased till the Home has 295 acres.

The Home has produced much of its meat and dairy products, and in more recent years, poultry and eggs. Salable crops like cotton are no longer planted. The Home does not produce anything for sale. Everything is consumed in the Home, except surpluses in kind.

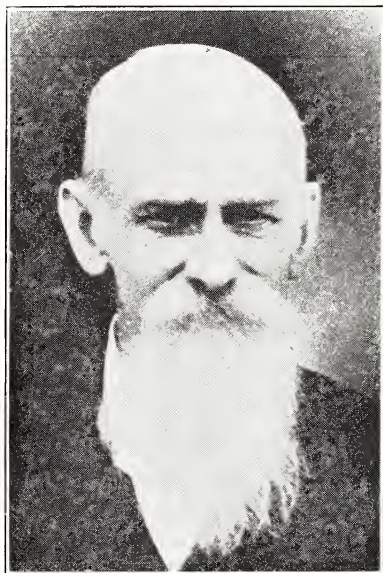
It was too much to ask the Superintendent to do all the work. At busy seasons a farmer or a day laborer was hired for many years. Then the position of Farmer was added to the regular staff of workers.

The early days at the Home were days of much hard work. The Superintendent, the Matron and all the children worked. They rose very early in the morning and kept going till long after sunset. It did not take large sums of money to pay the regular current bills. The Board did increase Superintendent Frick's salary 100 per cent. The debts were paid, and the *Dr. A. B. Goodman home with 7 acres of land was purchased.

* This is the Hood Cottage, farmer's residence, named for Mrs. Margaret E. S. Hood of Frederick, Md.—liberal giver.

A Minister for Superintendent

Prof. H. F. Frick resigned December 19, 1909. Mrs. Frick remained at the Home till January 19, 1910, when Rev. E. Garver Williams, D.D., pastor of the Bear Creek charge, became Superintendent. He came at the time when the Home was beginning to experience growing pains. More children had been admitted than could be comfortably housed. "There were seven boys sleeping in one room" and it could have been added "two beds". The dining room and the kitchen were enlarged. The long hours of work, the crowded conditions within the Home, and the small salary did not make a strong appeal for a man to stay on the job. After a little more than one year Dr. Williams resigned.



REV. AND MRS. E. G. WILLIAMS

Rev. and Mrs. Joseph W. Bell became Superintendent and Matron April 1, 1911. Mr. Bell was called from the pastorate of Zion Reformed Church at Lenoir. Both Mr. and Mrs. Bell were from the State of Pennsylvania. There were 20 children in the Home when they arrived. Five years later there were 42 children. From four children at the opening in 1906 to 42 in 1916, the first decade, made a demand for new buildings. The Board made its first appeal to the Church for money for a major building and the Church responded liberally.



REV. AND MRS. JOSEPH W. BELL

Concert Class

The "Singing Class", later known as the "Concert Class", was presented to the Classis at St. Matthew's in Lincoln County, May 2, 1912, trained and directed by Mrs. J. W. Bell. Seventeen children were taken by train to Maiden, and from there in hacks and buggies by members of St. Matthew's and Maiden churches. The Class made a fine and lasting impression on the members of the Classis. The people had come in great numbers to hear the program. Who could turn away from such an appeal for support? Now that the Class had made its "debut" to the Classis, Pastors and Elders began to ask for appointments for the "Singing Class". Classis adopted: "that as many of our congregations as possible arrange to have the children visit them". The children were willing to go. Mrs. Bell had prepared them to go. But how? A few of the congregations could be reached by wagon. For several years the wagon was found in the groves of the churches in Rowan County.

Then a "hack" was purchased. It was seen in the groves of all the churches in the Central District to 1920. The churches in the Eastern and Western Districts were reached by train and such accommodations as the churches provided. Mrs. Bell took the Class to the churches of the Virginia Classis and into Maryland.

The first "Bus" was the gift of the Zion-Landis charge in 1921 "to transport the Concert Class to the Churches of the Classis". Mrs. W. B.

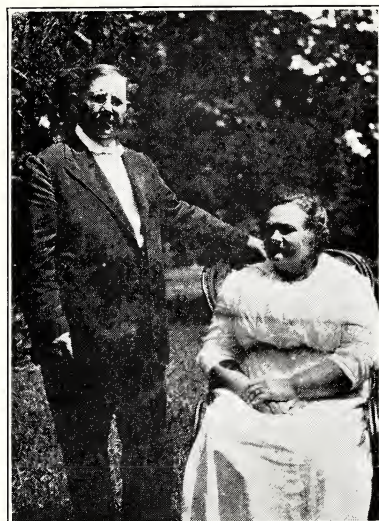


THE SINGING CLASS OF 1914

Werner and daughter, Helen, were leaders. The Class had become so popular that all churches invited them. The receipts in 1919 were \$2,700.00. During the administration of Rev. W. H. McNairy, Misses Clara Lentz, Sadie Cooke, and Verna Lentz took the Class to all the churches of Classis annually. For years it was reported that every church was contributing to the support of the Home. The day when the Class would come was one of the outstanding days in the church year.

Busy Days

REV. AND MRS. W. B. WERNER



After a little more than six years of service, Rev. and Mrs. J. W. Bell resigned effective June 1, 1917. On that day Rev. and Mrs. William B. Werner took over the management of the Home. Mr. Werner had been pastor of Trinity Church, Concord. The Board was so convinced that Rev. and Mrs. Werner were the right people to manage the home that they persistently appealed to them till they left the pastorate at Brunswick, Maryland, and returned to North Carolina. Both were natives of Pennsylvania. With the aid of a hired man they managed the farm, taught the school, looked after the health of the children (now 50 in number), prepared the Concert Class. It was at this time that the Home began to send out as many as were admitted. The Home admits children from 6 years of age upward who are either full orphans or half orphans. Since 1940 the Home admits destitute non-orphans from broken and deserted homes.

Art. IV, Sec. 2: "Indigent orphan children between the ages of 6 and 18 years of age, of sound mind, and free from loathsome, contagious or

incurable diseases, of whom there is reasonable hope of future usefulness, may be received and maintained in the Home". Many of the children have been half orphans, having either a living father or mother. Many have been from outside the Reformed Church. The Home is "designed to furnish the advantages of a Christian home to the destitute children deprived of one or both of their parents".

The Home is not restricted to children of Reformed parentage. The Home has always taken the children whose parents were members of the Reformed Church. In the earlier days children were admitted up to the age of 16 years. More recently the Board is reluctant to admit any who are over 12 years of age. The provision is that when the children reach the age of 18 years they are to be discharged from the Home. That does not mean that they are told to get out. The duty of the Superintendent is to place them with some of their people, or locate them at some work. The Board grants to those who desire the privilege to remain in the Home till they complete their high school education. The Board is willing to dismiss any at the time they complete their high school course if they can be properly located. Capable children are helped through higher education.

Rev. and Mrs. Werner were so busy with the affairs of the Home that they had no time to mingle with the members of the Church or to attend the various meetings. It was at the time that money was plentiful. The Board paid liberal salaries and often voted additional allowances. After five years of hard labor Rev. and Mrs. Werner decided to return to the pastorate where the labors would not be so exacting. Their resignation was effective August 25, 1922.



An Interim

REV. A. S. PEELER

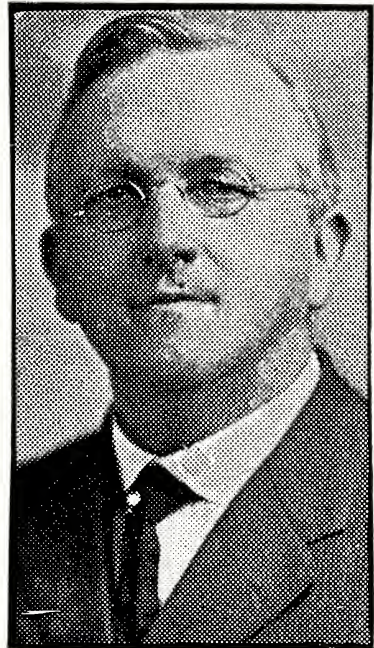
Rev. A. Samuel Peeler was secured to take over the management of the Home October 1, 1922. It was a time when there were calls for workers on every side, and the wages were very high. It was not only difficult to get a Superintendent but in turn he had greater difficulty in securing Matrons and keeping them. Mr. Peeler was constantly looking for a Matron to take the place of the one who had left. It was also a time when the boys were running away from the home, particularly those who were about 16 years of age. It was easy for them to get work and good wages. After a little less than one year, Mr. Peeler resigned, effective September 1, 1923.

The Builder

The Board challenged Rev. William H. McNairy, pastor of the Murphy Memorial Church in West Hickory, elected him and issued a call. He accepted and became Superintendent September 1, 1923. The Board realized that the Home must come up to the standards of work that the state was requiring for welfare institutions and through its Department of Public Welfare. Superintendent McNairy spent two full weeks visiting other orphanages in the State, and came to the Home with valuable information as to the needs of the Home.

First, the crowded conditions in the McNairy home, in which all the girls had been housed, and in which was the kitchen and the dining room; and further that the building was a fire hazard—the Board was ready to enter upon another major building program.

Second, the dairy did not provide sufficient products for the Home. Mr. McNairy began to build up a herd of dairy cattle that would produce all the products the children of the Home could consume. *The McNairy Dairy Barn, designed by the State Architect, was built.



REV. W. H. McNAIRY

* The McNairy Dairy Barn—Named for faithful service of Rev. W. H. McNairy, Supt. for 9 years and member of Board from 1903.

Third, the **Payne Building for Girls was erected 1924-25. The State Architect designed the building, and it was approved by the Board of Managers. The contract price was \$35,000.00 It is built of mingled colors of red shale brick and hollow tile. On the main floor is □The Santee Dining Hall in which as many as 100 children can be seated. The kitchen and pantries are of like proportion. On this floor is a library, a parlor, a music room, a domestic arts room, offices and rooms for the Matron and her assistants.

The second floor of this building has space for 32 girls, some rooms are for two girls and others for six. All beds are single. Each room has ample closet or wardrobe space for each girl. There are toilets, baths, on this floor. There is an infirmary and isolation room to care for any who may be sick or have contagious diseases.

Concert Class of 1932



Dressed in white, left to right: Ozzella Campbell, Paul Vogler, John Norris, Mary Stirewalt, Edith Kincaid, Cathaline Myers, Jewel Black, and Etta Vogler. The large boys are Grady Call and Charles Ramseur.

** Named for Mrs. D. T. Payne of High Point, N. C., whose Will made possible the creation of this building.

□ The Santee Dining Hall is named for Miss Mary A. Santee of Philadelphia, a liberal giver.

This building was made possible by the large gifts of the Reformed Church in North Carolina which came forward with more than \$17,000.00. The large bequest of Mrs. D. T. Payne of High Point, N. C., was invested, and the Will of Miss Mary A. Santee of Philadelphia. The Board did not have any debt resting on the building when it was completed.

Fourth, Superintendent McNairy built the Superintendent's Home during his administration. It is a red brick bungalow, frame construction. The Board had the \$2,000.00 of the Will of the late Mr. Robert Lefler of Rowan County, and a large surplus in the current funds. It is located on a tract of land purchased from the late Dr. C. Banks McNairy.

After nine years of faithful service Rev. W. H. McNairy resigned, effective September 1, 1932. He had been bereft of his faithful wife January 27, 1931. He had given the best years of his life to the Home. He had carried forward a great building program. The economic depression had been on for three years and the income of the Home was reduced. The Board had been compelled to reduce salaries. But that which was far more difficult was the placement of the young men and women as they were sent out from the Home.



MR. RAY P. LYERLY



MRS. RAY P. LYERLY

Building Boys and Girls

Mr. Ray P. Lyerly, the third son of the late Dr. J. M. L. Lyerly, became Superintendent September 1, 1932. He has many qualifications for his office. He has something of his father's passion for the unfortunate, the poor, and the orphan. He was educated for the teaching profession and made acceptable records as teacher and administrator of the public schools. He served a term of two years as High Sheriff of Rowan County. He is young in years, mingles freely with children and is economical in management. His task is the building of boys and girls. That is the far more difficult work, but at the same time rewarding. The real aim of Nazareth Orphan's Home is not the building of a great institution. It is the building of men and women who can take their places in the world as builders and makers of a society that we hopefully call "The Kingdom of God".

Mr. Lyerly resigned September 1, 1943, after eleven years of faithful service to the Home.



THE LYERLY BUILDING

Boys' Dormitory

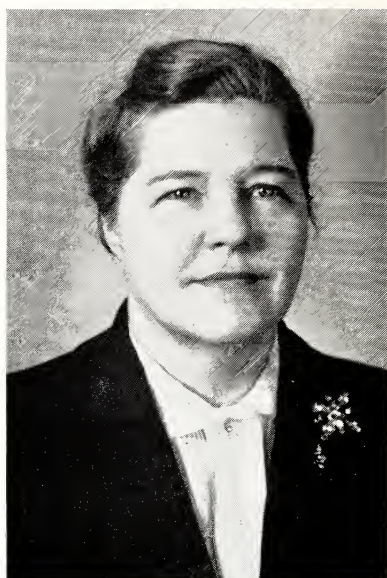
Concert Class of 1936



Zig-zag, front row, left to right: Bill Earnhardt, Jewel Black, Helen Corriher, Glade Scism, Effie Evans, Frank Mauk, Mabel Cranford, Ozzella Campbell, Luther May, and Helen Swaim. Back row: Verna Frye, Melvin Ramseur, Etta May Perry, Edward Cook, Fannie Mae Wyatt, and Daisy Lytal.



MR. THOMAS L. MOOSE



MRS. THOMAS L. MOOSE

Mr. Thomas L. Moose was elected Superintendent September 1, 1943. He is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Jacob O. Moose, and was brought up in Trinity Church, Concord. The Mooses were known for their piety and devotion to the Bear Creek Church. Superintendent Moose was educated at State College, majoring in "Animal Husbandry". He spent five years on a "Ranch" near Lima, Peru, South America. Later he was identified with his father in business in Concord, and was active in the life of Trinity Church, being an Elder in the church and Superintendent in the Sunday School. Mrs. Moose was a teacher in the Public Schools and is well qualified by training to assist her husband in the work at the Home. Mrs. Moose is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Jordan of Rowland, N. C. She graduated from Rowland High School in 1924 and attended Pineland Junior College, Salemburg, N. C. There are two children in the family, Thomas L. Moose, Jr., and Vicky Anne Moose. Thomas, Jr., was killed April 14, 1955, in a plane crash out of Hondo Air Force Base, Texas, while a Cadet in Officers' School of the United States Air Force.



THE PAYNE BUILDING

Girls' Dormitory and Santee Dining Hall

The first land was a tract of wooded land, 16 2/5 acres, purchased in 1903, soon after the Board of Managers was elected. The McNairy farm of 85 acres was purchased in 1906 for \$4,100.00. In 1909 the Dr. A. B. Goodman home and 7 acres of land was purchased for \$2,500.00. The report to Classis soon after that time was "plenty of room for 50 children". And it is a fact that more than 40 children, the Superintendent and Matron and any hired helpers were housed in these two buildings. In 1920 the Board purchased 16 acres of land at \$75.00 per acre. In 1925 the Maxwell Holshouser home with 35 acres of land was purchased for \$3,000.00. The small tract of the late Dr. C. Banks McNairy was purchased in 1927 for \$400.00. Since that time a part of the Maxwell Holshouser land and home has been sold. The Board purchased the farm of the late Alexander Lyerly, September 3, 1936, adding approximately 100 acres, a farm with pastures, meadows, some fine timber and many acres for grain and vegetables.

The Lyerly Building for Boys, containing the Hedrick Chapel on the first floor, was erected 1913-1916. It is built of native granite. The gran-

ite and sand placed on the original tract prior to 1907 was used in this building. Mr. J. T. Hedrick was the Treasurer of the "Building Funds" and a leading spirit in the erection of this building. No one will know the cost. It was in excess of \$10,000.00. The front wall was rebuilt in 1929. In 1930 an addition was built to the rear and a steam heating system installed. The toilets were rebuilt over the furnace room. The total cost of these repairs was in excess of \$3,000.00.

Over the main entrance is this inscription

In Memory of

HARRY LEONIDAS HOLSHOUSER

Born October 1, 1900—Died July 14, 1915
With money earned and saved by himself,
The windows were placed in this building.

The second floor of this building has a Matron's Room, a Study Room, an Infirmary, and 12 rooms for boys, two boys to the room.

The study room was furnished by Mrs. C. E. DeChant of Charlotte and the Church of the Ascension, Norristown, Pennsylvania. Other rooms were furnished and the following name plates are on the doors:

1. Furnished by the Ladies Aid Society of Pilgrim Reformed Church, North Carolina.
2. Furnished in memory of Mrs. Sarah Matilda Deal, China Grove, N. C. Born July 28, 1846. Died January 16, 1914.
3. Furnished by the Ladies Aid Society of Grace Reformed Church, Newton, N. C.
4. Furnished by the Ladies Aid Society and the Missionary Society of Zion Reformed Church, Lenoir, N. C.
5. Furnished by Mrs. J. W. Summers, Whitsett, N. C.
6. Furnished by the Sunday School of The St. James Reformed Church, Mt. Pleasant, N. C.
7. Furnished by St. Mark's Reformed Church and Fairview Reformed Church of the Burlington Charge.
8. Furnished in memory of Kemp Blackwelder and Hoy Blackwelder, twins, Lenoir, N. C.
9. Furnished in memory of William Lottin, Washington, D. C. Born October 28, 1910. Died February 3, 1913.
10. Furnished by Mr. David L. Correll and wife, China Grove, N. C.
11. Furnished by the First Reformed Church, Waughtown, N. C.
12. Furnished by the Ladies Missionary Society of the First Reformed Church, Lexington, N. C.
13. Furnished by the Young Men's Bible Class, Roanoke, Va., Rev. Clarence Woods, Pastor.

14. Furnished in memory of Elder John A. Watts. Given by the Children of Boger Reformed Church.
15. Furnished by the Woman's Missionary Society of Bear Creek Church.
16. Furnished by Mr. B. A. Fesperman, Rockwell, N. C.
17. Furnished by the Ladies Aid Society of the First Reformed Church, Greensboro, N. C.

The Payne Building for Girls was first proposed in 1919. Nothing was actually done because there were no funds available. It was the time of the great "Forward Movement" in the Church and everything was set aside to complete it. In 1924 the Board called upon the State Architect to draw up plans for a building that would house 50 girls and have ample kitchen and dining room for 100 children. The Board selected a site in the south grove that would be flanked with large native oaks. The contract was awarded for the sum of \$35,000.00. This building was made possible by the Will of Mrs. D. T. Payne of High Point, amounting to \$13,438.42. Mr. J. T. Hedrick was made "Treasurer of Building Funds". He projected a canvass of the Reformed Church in North Carolina by assigning to churches a "quota". It was at the time when this method was used by churches. The churches responded so liberally that the sum of \$20,885.42 was subscribed, and more than \$17,000 was actually paid in. Later the Board invested the Will of Miss Mary A. Santee, \$5,000.00, in this building. At the same time the "Dairy Barn" and the water tank, 6,100 gallons capacity, were erected. The total expenditures, including furnishings, exceeded \$40,000.00.

The Parlor room in this building was furnished by the First Reformed Church of Charlotte. The Study room was furnished by the Church of the Ascension, Norristown, Pennsylvania. Some of the rooms have name plates on the door as follows:

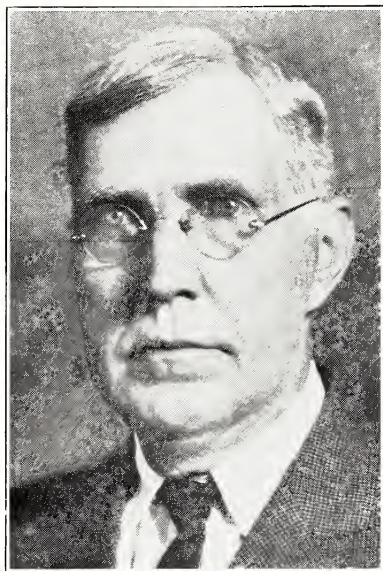
1. Furnished in appreciation of Elder Geo. H. Moose, Faithful Treasurer 1912-
2. Furnished by the Emanuel Woman's Missionary Society, Lincolnnton and Zion Reformed Church, Lenoir.
3. Furnished by the W. M. S. Bear Creek Church, Gold Hill, N. C., and the W. M. S. Grace Church, Newton, N. C.
4. Furnished in memory of Dr. J. M. L. Lyerly, President of the Board of Managers 1903-1923.

The Santee Dining Hall was furnished with silverware and dishes by the W. M. S., N. C. Classical. The leader in this project was Mrs. Edgar Whitener. Miss Martha Fisher, Matron, has given valuable donation of dishes.

The Superintendent's Home was authorized August 10, 1928. The cost was \$5,998.53. No canvass for funds was made. The Will of the late

Robert Lefler, \$2,000.00, was invested in this home. The balance was paid out of the surplus in the current expense funds.

The *Nellie Whitener Laundry building and its equipment is a project of the Classical W. M. S. It was erected in 1934. The W. M. S. contributed \$1,447.97 and the Beyerly Fund of \$680.67 was invested, and the balance was paid out of the current expense funds.



Friends of Nazareth

From the very beginning there have been friends who believe in the work and the security of Nazareth Orphans' Home. Special funds have been contributed by men and women while they were living. Others have remembered the Home in their Wills.

DR. MOSES A. FOIL

One of the First Contributors

Improvements, repairs, and replacements are a continuous process in institutional programs. A garage, tractor shed, and smoke house combination building was built in 1936 at a cost of \$1,000.00. The horse and cattle barn was built in 1944, cost \$2,200.00. The implement shed was built in 1944, cost \$600.00. The Women's Guild refurnished the girls' dormitory and provided the Home with a 16mm projector and speaker system in 1945, cost \$2,500.00 or more. A Moline tractor and equipment was given to the Home by the E. T. Hedrick Bible Class in 1942, value \$2,500.00. The granary was built in 1940, cost \$423.00. Mr. Lotan Corriher provided the Home with a new Ford tractor and farm machinery in 1944, value \$3,000.00. The Churchmen's Brotherhood of Southern Synod refurnished the boys' dormitory in 1948 at a cost of \$2,800.00. The Women's Guild installed a 2,000-pound capacity refrigerator and 2,000-pound capacity freezer locker, walk-in type units connecting with back porch of Payne Building, cost \$2,500.00. A mounted trailer tank

* This building was named by the Classical W. M. S. in honor of Mrs. Edgar Whitener of High Point, N. C., whose labors have been many.

fire fighting unit was built in 1947, cost \$800.00. The men of Emmanuel Church, Thomasville, installed a cooling system in the Lyerly Building in 1954, cost \$400.00.

The Women's Guild installed a cooling system in the Payne Building in 1955, cost \$500.00. Mr. Lewis and Mr. Hayes Patterson, New Gilead Church, built and donated a two-acre fish pond on the farm in 1952, value \$3,000.00. The Ninth Air Force, Pope Air Force Base, donated a new Chevrolet 48-passenger bus and two electric clothes dryers to the Home in their Operation Christmas, 1952 and 1953. The Women's Guild installed venetian blinds in the Santee Dining Hall in 1948. The Women's Guild-sponsored coupon project provides the Home with silverware and kitchen utensil replacement. The heating system in the Payne Building was converted into a circulating hot water system in 1955 at a cost of \$3,500.00. The McNairy Orchard and the E. T. Hedrick Bible Class Orchard were donated to the Home around 1940. Painting, termiting, roofing, screening, plastering, and other maintenance service is a continuous operation project of the plant and farm. Our maintenance cost shows an average of over \$2,000.00 per year for the past 10 years. We pledge ourselves to maintain the valuation of the Home as a sacred obligation, and to turn it over to the next generation, bigger and better than we received it. We appreciate our friends who understand this matter and give us a continuous helping hand.

The Educational Program

Nazareth Orphans' Home began with the ideal that the children in the Home should have the best school the Church could give, at least the equal of the public school system of the State. The Home was located at Crescent because Crescent Academy offered better educational opportunities. During the first years of the Home, 1906 to 1913, Dr. Lyerly made generous offers which the Board accepted. There were times that the members of the Board paid one-half and Dr. Lyerly donated the other half of the year's tuition for all the children in the Home. When Crescent Academy closed its doors, and no provision was made in the local public schools for education, the Home conducted its own school. Rev. and Mrs. J. W. Bell, and their successors, Rev. and Mrs. W. B. Werner, taught all the children for 8 months in the year in addition to all the other duties that were laid upon them. The demand for the "School and Chapel Building" was a real one. The *Lyerly Building for Boys begun in 1913 and dedicated in 1916 has a school room on the main floor. It was equipped with modern desks and used till the spring of 1923.

The other part of the main floor is the **Hedrick Chapel.

* This Building was named in memory of the late Rev. J. M. L. Lyerly, Ph.D. whose untiring labors brought forth Nazareth Orphans' Home.

** The Hedrick Chapel is named for Elder J. T. Hedrick for his labors in erecting this and other Buildings.

The third period in the educational program began in 1923. Grades 1-5 attended the local school for 6 months, and was supplemented by the Home for an additional 2 months. Grades 7-11 attended the Rockwell schools for 8 months. Prior to this time there were no high school graduates. There was no association with others and very little supervision by any accrediting agency. Since 1923 many of the boys and girls have graduated from high school, and have taken many of the scholastic honors and prizes. Since 1933 the entire group attends the Rockwell Consolidated School and are transported by the State. This has given the children the opportunity to mingle with others of their age and grade, helps them to get away from being "orphan minded" and "institutionally classed".

In addition to regular academic courses Rockwell School offers vocational subjects of Home Economics, Agriculture and a High School Business Course. Many of our children go right out of high school equipped to hold good jobs. Those who are interested in further education are helped through a loan fund made possible by friends and any surplus from the Student Council Fund.

Our children participate in the School Band. Some are members of Beta Club, as well as other clubs which provide extra-curricular activity and leadership training.

Since 1943 our children have benefitted from the School Lunch Program, which is a boon to the cooks as well as the children.

The Spirit of the Home

Nazareth Orphans' Home was founded for the boys and girls who are without the care and love of father and mother. The Home was conceived by the Church, supported by a body of people who find joy in giving, and maintained as an expression of the religion of Jesus Christ. Any Home so conceived would be dedicated to a definite religious program. This Home does not take the place of the Christian home, but seeks to be the best possible substitute for such as have no home. The ideal for Nazareth Orphans' Home is the Christlike home.

The Superintendent and the staff of workers give spiritual nurture to the boys and girls. They have always had "table prayers" and "bed-time prayers". One of the reasons for calling a Minister to the Office of Superintendent was that he might give more special attention to the spiritual training of the children. There have been times when youth organizations, like the Christian Endeavor, have been maintained within the Home family. Each child has his own Bible. They are encouraged to read religious literature. The Church papers are on the reading desks. Religion is taught as a real part of normal, every-day living.

Lyerly Memorial (formerly Bethany) is the community church which serves Nazareth Orphans' Home. Active participation in Sunday School, Worship Service, Choir, Youth Fellowship, Daily Vacation Bible School, is a large step in developing well-rounded citizens.

At the proper age our children study and are confirmed into church membership. Many retain membership in Reformed churches after leaving the Home. Some fall by the wayside. Still others affiliate with other denominations. Whatever the outcome, at Nazareth we do not send our children to church, we take them. Lyerly Memorial is supported in part by contributions to the pastor's salary and apportionment from the treasury of the institution. Our children also make their personal offerings each Sunday.



LYERLY MEMORIAL
EVANGELICAL AND REFORMED CHURCH
CRESCENT CHARGE, SOUTHERN SYNOD
Route 2, Rockwell, N. C.

Historical Sketch

In 1890 a petition was sent to North Carolina Classis from a number of persons in Gold Hill Township, Rowan County, to be organized into a congregation. The request was granted and Revs. C. B. Heller and J. M. L. Lyerly were instructed to attend to the matter. Accordingly a congregation was organized August 23, 1891, with 24 charter members under the name of Bethany Reformed Church. The Elders were William McCombs, Sr., and Maxwell Holshouser, and the Deacons, William McCombs, Jr., and B. A. Fesperman. Three acres of land were donated by Maxwell Holshouser and one acre by Alexander Lyerly. The deeds are dated September 26, 1891. The church was dedicated October 4, 1896. Rev. J. C. Clapp, D.D., preached the sermon and Rev. J. M. L. Lyerly, Pastor, performed the act of dedication.

Acknowledgements: The Southern Synod at its Spring Meeting in Conover, N. C., April 27-29, 1954, approved changing the name of Bethany Church in the Crescent Charge to Lyerly Memorial Evangelical and Reformed Church in recognition of the generosity of Mrs. John F. Coble of Toledo, Ohio; Mrs. Coble is a daughter of the founder of the church, the late Rev. J. M. L. Lyerly, D.D. Through Mrs. Coble's interest and gift, the early construction of this edifice was made possible. Other generous givers include Mr. Julius W. Abernethy, Sr., of Newton, and other friends.

Chairman of the Building Committee, Mr. Thomas Moose, Superintendent of the Orphanage. Architect, Mr. Vernon Lewis of Burlington, N. C. Contractor, Graham Construction Company, Kannapolis, N. C.

The Board of Managers have elected Superintendents and Matrons for their character. Special training for their office, or technical qualifications, however good, are not first. The character of those in charge has more to do with the fashioning of the boys and the girls into Christ-likeness than skills. No account of Nazareth Orphans' Home would be complete without the labors of a large number of men and women who have given of their very life for the clothing, the feeding and the spiritual training of the boys and the girls.

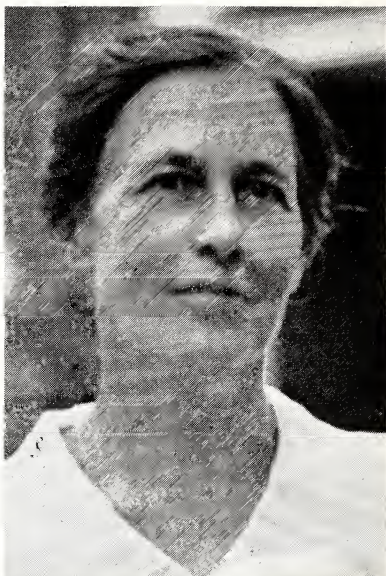
Among those who have given a long service is MRS. P. A. PEELER. This Christian mother came from Faith. She and her husband had nurtured four daughters to womanhood, two of whom are wives of Ministers of the Church. For more than eight years Mrs. Peeler was the Chief Matron. She managed the table, and the call was for more than 150 meals per day. She was responsible for the clothing of a family of fifty. She gave personal aid and training to a group of about thirty girls each year. Her successor, Miss Martha Fisher, is both in training and in character a worthy Matron. The name Fisher is notable in the history of the Reformed Church. For many generations the Fishers have been valuable members of the old Lower Stone congregation. In this congregation Miss Fisher was



brought up. She was educated at Catawba College, specializing in the domestic arts and sciences. She has had years of experience as a teacher in the schools. She came to Nazareth Orphans' Home because she wanted to invest her life in growing children.



MISS MARTHA FISHER
Matron for over eight years



MRS. IRENE COWEN
Matron for over six years

The staff of matrons at the beginning of 1956 is: Mrs. Laura Bost, Salisbury, N. C., Head Matron and Assistant Superintendent; Mrs. Lois Melton, Burlington, N. C., Girls House Mother; Mrs. Lena Wall, Winston-Salem, N. C., Boys House Mother; and Miss Blanche Hunt, Granite Quarry, N. C., Dining Room and Kitchen Matron.

For many years the Superintendent managed the farm. At seasons a man was hired to help. Then the position of Farmer was added to the staff. In this relation Mr. Arthur H. Penniger gave nine years of service. He was brought up in the old Bear Creek congregation. He is a grandson of the first Treasurer of the Home. His work was not finished in the garden or the field, or in the production of things for the table. His greatest work was in his association with the boys and the training of their hands and their heads in working the soil, the gathering of harvests.

Many of our Reformed Church laymen have served as Farmer, leaving fond memories in the hearts of the children and winning appreciation from the Home.

Nazareth Orphans' Home had humble beginnings fifty years ago. Many hours of hard labor have been invested. The Church has been willing to pour into the treasury money for its support. Children have been admitted and young men and women have been sent forth. The Church has been made richer through giving. Anxiety has been removed,

the dread of what will become of the children in the event of early death. From humble beginnings to a Home with major buildings, land enough for all farming purposes, a workable endowment, and an increasing number of friends, Nazareth Orphans' Home is now assured for the future.

The aim is not the building of a great institution, great buildings of stone and brick. It is not the gathering of a large endowment, however valuable that may be. This Home will fulfill its mission when it seeks to bring up the child in "the nurture and admonition of the Lord, and in the doctrine and duties of our Holy religion". Just as the child is central in the "Seal", the symbol of the Home, so is the child central in all the program. The Home was founded because there were children who needed a home. It was built by the labors of many people who believed in the future of the child that is taught to know God. It has been the object of the prayers of a Church that has set the child in the midst.

"Of such is the Kingdom of God."



CHILDREN IN THE HOME 1936

Fifteenth Anniversary Statistics

There have been six PRESIDENTS OF THE BOARD OF MANAGERS

1. Dr. J. M. L. Lyerly (1903-1923)
2. Mr. L. M. Peeler (Pro tem, 1923)
3. Mr. J. W. Peeler (1923-1947)
4. Mr. J. T. Fesperman (1947-1949)
5. Rev. W. C. Lyerly (1949-1953)
6. Dr. J. M. Andrew (1953-)

There have been seven SECRETARIES

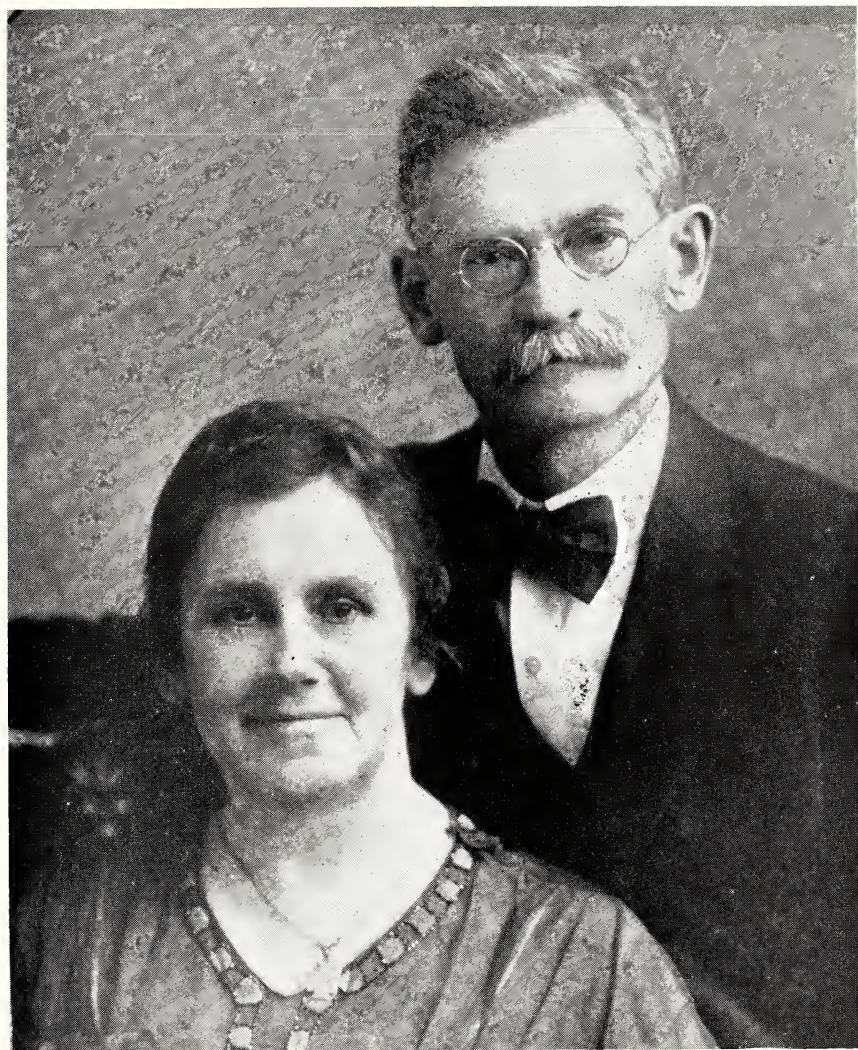
1. Dr. W. B. Duttera (1903-1909)
2. Rev. C. B. Heller (1909-1911)
3. Rev. W. W. Rowe (1911-1912)
4. Rev. S. W. Beck (1912-1913)
5. Mr. J. W. Peeler (1913-1923)
6. Rev. W. C. Lyerly (1923-1949)
7. Rev. T. M. Shoffner (1949-)

There have been three TREASURERS

1. Mr. John H. Moose (1903-1912)
2. Mr. George H. Moose (1912-1947)
3. Mr. J. Yorke Peeler (1947-)

There have been nine SUPERINTENDENTS

1. Miss Mary P. Abbott (1906-1908)
2. Prof. H. F. Frick (1908-1909)
3. Rev. E. G. Williams (1910-1911)
4. Rev. J. W. Bell (1911-1917)
5. Rev. W. B. Werner (1917-1922)
6. Rev. Samuel Peeler (1922-1923)
7. Rev. W. H. McNairy (1923-1932)
8. Mr. Ray P. Lyerly (1932-1943)
9. Mr. Thomas L. Moose (1943-)



DR. AND MRS. J. M. L. LYERLY

Dr. J. M. L. Lyerly, Ph.D., was President of the Board for over twenty years. No book about Nazareth Orphans' Home would be complete without a brief history of Dr. and Mrs. Lyerly.

Jacob Martin Luther Lyerly, son of Martin and Camilla Fisher Lyerly, lineal descendants of Christopher Lyerly, pioneer German Lutheran lay-

man, was born November 18, 1862. He was dedicated to God in baptism by the Rev. Dr. Samuel Rothrock of Organ Lutheran Church. He was catechised and confirmed in Lower Stone Reformed Church by Rev. Robert F. Crooks.

Born about 2 months after the death of his father, he grew up under the stern care of a widowed mother. All he had he earned by hard work. He was educated at Catawba College, one of the class of 1889. The Classis of North Carolina licensed him to the Gospel Ministry May 4, 1889. He was ordained October 10 of that year, and installed pastor of Central Rowan Charge.

During his ministry of 34 years he was pastor of Central Rowan, the Lincoln and Waughtown charges; stated Supply for the Lower Davidson and Guilford charges. He preached in almost all the churches in the interest of Nazareth Orphans' Home.

He founded and maintained Crescent Academy and Business College, a first grade private institution, for almost two decades. In this school he associated himself with some excellent men and women teachers. He gave 2,000 or more boys and girls the advantage of a high school and junior college education at low cost when there were no rural high schools and very few in the cities.

He was united in marriage with Miss Mary Eugenia Peeler, a daughter of Tobias Peeler and Mary Louise Peeler. Mrs. Lyerly attended regular county school at the Peeler School between Rockwell and Crescent. She attended Oak Grove Academy for three years, with Rev. C. B. Heller as principal and Mrs. Heller as instructor. She became deeply attached to Rev. and Mrs. Heller and received special tutoring from them during these three years. Mrs. Lyerly became a full partner with Dr. Lyerly in the hardships and responsibilities of running the academy, feeding and housing the many young people they loved so much and helped educate.

To them were born eleven children. They often took into their home worthy poor boys and girls to help them along life's way. It was through this experience that Dr. Lyerly saw the need for the Home, and had such compassion for boys and girls that he dedicated his life to the founding and management of Nazareth Orphans' Home. They have one son, Rev. J. N. Lyerly, and one grandson, Rev. Charles Donald Lyerly, in the Christian Ministry. Another son, Ray P., served as Superintendent of the Home for eleven years.

Dr. Lyerly's grave is in the cemetery of Lyerly Memorial Church, near the scene of his labors. The vision lured him on in the work until he saw Nazareth Orphan's Home well established and beautifully maintained.



MR. J. W. PEELER
President of the Board 1923-1947.
Secretary of the Board 1913-1923.
Ursinus Church, Rockwell, N. C.



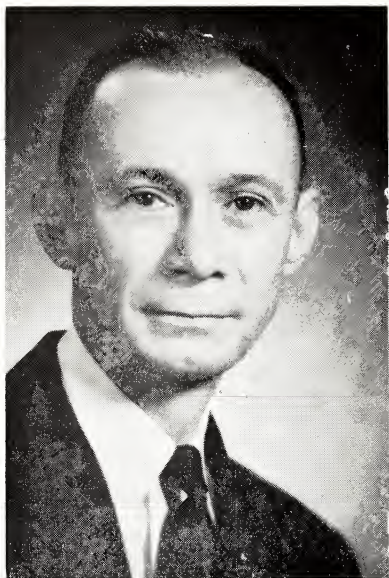
MR. JOHN T. FESPERMAN
President of the Board 1947-1949.
St. John's Church, Kannapolis.



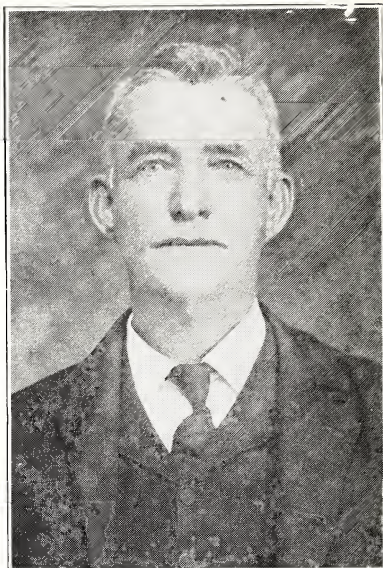
REV. WILLIAM C. LYERLY
President of the Board 1949-1953.
Secretary of the Board, 1923-1949.
Newton, N. C.



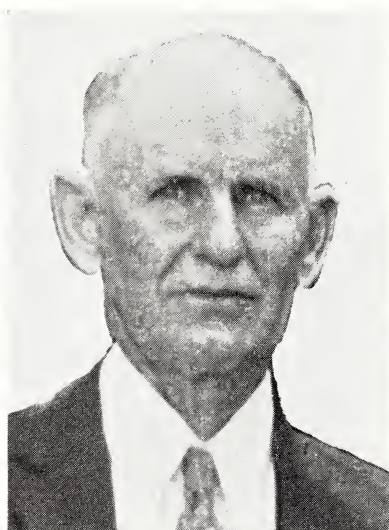
DR. JOHN M. ANDREW
President of the Board 1953-
First Church, Lexington, N. C.



REV. T. M. SHOFFNER
Secretary of the Board 1949-
Grace Church, Newton, N. C.



MR. JOHN HUGH MOOSE
Treasurer of the Home 1903-1912.
Bear Creek Church, Mt. Pleasant,
N. C.



MR. GEORGE H. MOOSE
Treasurer of the Home 1912-1947.
Bear Creek Church, Mt. Pleasant,
N. C.



MR. J. YORKE PEELER
Treasurer of the Home 1947-
Ursinus Church, Rockwell, N. C.

Fifty-Four Board Members Have Served

	Year elected
Rev. S. W. Beck.....	1903
Rev. W. B. Duttera, Salisbury, N. C.....	1903
Rev. C. B. Heller, Faith, N. C.....	1903
Rev. H. A. M. Holshouser, Rockwell, N. C.....	1903
Rev. J. M. L. Lyerly, Ph.D., Rockwell, N. C.....	1903
Rev. W. H. McNairy.....	1903
Rev. J. L. Murphey, D.D.....	1903
Rev. W. H. Causey.....	1903
Dr. J. D. Andrew.....	1903
Elder J. C. Lippard, Concord, N. C.....	1903
Elder L. W. Grimes, Thomasville, N. C.....	1903
Elder John Hugh Moose, Mt. Pleasant, N. C.....	1903
Mr. L. Monroe Peeler, Faith, N. C.....	1904
Rev. Paul Barringer, Mt. Pleasant, N. C.....	1905
Rev. W. W. Rowe.....	1908
Mr. J. T. Hedrick, Lexington, N. C.....	1909
Mr. George H. Moose, Mt. Pleasant, N. C.....	1912
Rev. Shuford Peeler.....	1913
Mr. John W. Peeler, Rockwell, N. C.....	1913
Mr. Shuford L. Whitener.....	1916
Rev. A. D. Wolfinger, Newton, N. C.....	1917
Mr. J. T. Plott, Greensboro, N. C.....	1918
Mr. B. S. Shuford, China Grove, N. C.....	1922
Rev. William C. Lyerly.....	1923
Mr. W. G. Hinkle, Thomasville, N. C.....	1923
Rev. C. C. Wagoner, Lexington, N. C.....	1924
Mr. A. L. Bowers, Thomasville, N. C.....	1925
Mrs. Daisy F. Patterson, Rockwell, N. C.....	1927
Dr. Caroline McNairy, Lenoir, N. C.....	1927
Mr. John T. Fesperman, Kannapolis, N. C.....	1936
Hon. Loomis Klutz, Newton, N. C.....	1940
Mrs. A. M. Crowell, Lexington, N. C.....	1941
Mr. Ray McCombs, Faith, N. C.....	1941
Rev. Hoy L. Fesperman, Greensboro, N. C.....	1944
Mr. Jesse Warlick, Hickory, N. C.....	1944
Mr. Adrian L. Shuford, Conover, N. C.....	1945

Mr. James A. Shuford, Lincolnton, N. C.....	1946
Mr. J. Yorke Peeler, Rockwell, N. C.....	1947
Rev. Charles E. Hiatt, Concord, N. C.....	1948
Rev. T. M. Shoffner, Newton, N. C.....	1948
Mrs. Hal Hoyle, Lincolnton, N. C.....	1949
Mr. Henry Kennedy, Thomasville, N. C.....	1949
Mr. A. M. Cheek, Greensboro, N. C.....	1950
Dr. J. Alex Smith, Lexington, N. C.....	1950
Rev. Lawrence Leonard, Asheboro, N. C.....	1951
Mr. Wade H. Shuford, Hickory, N. C.....	1951
Dr. John M. Andrew, Lexington, N. C.....	1952
Dr. Banks J. Peeler, Lexington, N. C.....	1952
Mr. Paul B. Foil, Mt. Pleasant, N. C.....	1953
Mrs. Holly Lentz, Mt. Pleasant, N. C.....	1954
Rev. Lawrence N. Strunk, Kannapolis, N. C.....	1955
Mr. Ray P. Lyerly, Faith, N. C.....	1955
Mrs. L. C. Holshouser, Rockwell, N. C.....	1955

An AUXILIARY BOARD was appointed by Board Oct. 12, 1906

(This Board assisted several years)

Mrs. J. M. L. Lyerly	Mrs. John Ingle
Mrs. M. A. Foil	Mrs. L. E. Whitener
Mrs. Mary Duttera	Mrs. J. D. Andrew
Mrs. Giles Crowell	Mrs. C. E. Wehler
Mrs. J. T. Hedrick	Mrs. Thomas Law
Mrs. W. H. McNairy	Miss Ida Hedrick
Miss Addie Barrier	

A second AUXILIARY BOARD served from Aug. 3, 1922-May 7, 1927

Mrs. J. Thomas Leonard, Pres.	Mrs. O. M. Rowe
Mrs. Early Leonard	Mrs. John Hedrick
Mrs. Daisy F. Patterson	Mrs. C. E. Dechant
Mrs. H. C. Menzies	Miss Lena Warlick
Mrs. John Trexler	Mrs. L. A. Corriher
Mrs. G. C. Fisher	Dr. Callie McNairy

There are many unsung heroes and heroines in any undertaking which is successful in achieving a goal. Often those who are doing the biggest job remain quietly in the background, unheralded but none the less to be commended for their faithful service. Such a person is the wife of our present Treasurer. During the years that Mr. Peeler has signed our checks Mrs. Peeler has struggled with the figures and done a great part of the bookkeeping. This job has become an increasingly hard task and she has done well with it.

Six women have served on the Board. Mrs. Daisy F. Patterson has served the longest term, 29 years. Mrs. Patterson's home joins the orphanage farm, permitting her to be of great assistance to the Superintendent and the Board. She served many years on the Executive Committee and Anniversary Day Committee.



MRS. DAISY F. PATTERSON
Route 2, Rockwell, N. C.



THE BOARD OF MANAGERS 1936

Front row, left to right: Mr. L. Monroe Peeler; Mr. George H. Moose, Treasurer; Mr. John W. Peeler, President; Mrs. Daisy Fisher Patterson; Rev. William C. Lyerly, Secretary; Mr. B. S. Shuford. Back row: Rev. William H. McNairy; Mr. John T. Fesperman; Rev. Columbus C. Wagoner; Mr. John T. Plott. Absent when picture was made: Mr. J. T. Hedrick and Mr. Will G. Hinkle.

Through December 31, 1955, Nazareth Orphans' Home has served over 350 children: 86 full orphans; 70 half orphans with mother dead; 109 half orphans with father dead; and 85 neither parent dead. Thirty-four of these persons were residing in the Home December 31, 1955. 316 have come and gone.

The children of the Home organized a Student Union September 1, 1947. The Constitution and a list of the first officers may be found attached to the front cover of the student register in the orphanage safe.

The Student Union is financed by a "FUN FUND" provided by the Women's Guild of Southern Synod and other interested friends. The "FUN FUND" is a Christmas project of the Guild to finance entertainment, recreation, and incidentals for the children of the Home, at their discretion throughout each year. This fund was put on an allowance

basis for each child beginning in 1956. A special project for the Student Union is to provide a new Bible for each new child admitted to the Home. Surplus money of this fund is added to the educational fund of the Home, to loan to students for short business courses or aid in college education.

Student Union Financial Statement

1955

"Fun Fund" Contributions from Friends and Organizations

CHRISTMAS SEASON 1955

Junior Department, Memorial, Winston-Salem.....	\$ 6.40
Golden Rule Rabbitry, Thomasville.....	10.00
Mrs. Pearl Mabrey, Concord.....	10.00
Miss Ruth Barringer, St. Petersburg, Fla.....	25.00
Ever Ready Class, First, Lexington.....	25.00
Mr. and Mrs. M. B. Fuller, Concord.....	10.00
Mrs. James' S. S. Class, Mt. Zion, China Grove.....	25.00
Woodmen of the World (party).....	100.00
Miss Edith Hershey, Lancaster, Pa.....	5.00
G. H. Edwards Trust Co., Atlanta, Ga.....	15.00
Women's Guild Southern Synod.....	713.68
	\$ 945.08

BALANCE SHEET STUDENT COUNCIL NAZARETH ORPHANS' HOME

December 31, 1955

Balance on Deposit December 31, 1954.....	\$ 721.53
Received Christmas Season 1955.....	945.08
	\$ 1666.61

EXPENDITURES 1955

Recreation, church and community activities, school activities (clubs, trips, etc.), magazine and newspaper subscriptions.....	\$ 708.00
(Deposit slips and cancelled checks are permanently filed for exhibit at any time)	
Balance on Deposit for 1956.....	930.08
Cash on Hand for Deposit.....	15.00
Balance Carried Over Pre-Christmas.....	13.53
	\$ 1666.61

LARRY WHITT, Treasurer

THOMAS L. MOOSE, Superintendent

The Alumni organized an association in 1947, on Anniversary Day. F. B. Pless of China Grove was elected President. Other officers were: Louise Hedgecock, Greensboro, Secretary, and John Norris, Salisbury, Treasurer. The destiny of fortune and fate has scattered the alumni all

over the face of the earth. They are in offices, banks, mills, and on farms. Some are executives, some housewives, some are laborers. Many have served our country on land, on sea and in the air. Their footprints may be found in North Africa, Italy, England, France, Germany, Iwo Jima, Japan, Korea, Fort Bragg, Fort Jackson, Parris Island, Lackland. They are in Piedmont Carolina, New York, Kansas City, Ohio, Baltimore, and California. Some have put to Sea on Life Eternal. GOD BLESS THEM ALL.

222 were admitted to the Home from parents or relatives; 72 from Departments of Public Welfare; 16 from pastors or church member friends; and 40 from interested friends and neighbors.

110 children admitted came from Reformed Church background; 1 from Free Will Baptist; 21 from Lutheran; 40 from Baptist; 52 from Methodist; 9 from Presbyterian; 2 from Church of God; 2 from Episcopal; 4 from Friends; 1 from the Holiness; 2 from The Salvation Army; 2 from The Christian; and 103 claimed no church background.



CHILDREN OF THE HOME

December, 1955

133 children admitted to the Home came from Rowan County; 39 from Cabarrus County; 33 from Davidson County; 8 from Mecklenburg

County; 24 from Catawba County; 21 from Guilford County; 15 from Alamance County; 6 from Richmond County; 16 from Forsyth County; 22 from Stanly County; 1 from Davie County; 1 from Gaston County; 1 from Cleveland County; 7 from Caldwell County; 3 from Randolph County; 1 from Martin County; 1 from Madison County; 8 from Iredell County; 2 from Pitt County; 2 from the State of Florida; and 6 from the State of Virginia.

The Home for Such as These

Name	Parental Status	Received	Dismissed
Jeanette Carriker	FD	11-11-1906	4- 1-1916
Will T. Carriker	FD	11-11-1906	1-27-1917
Robert Carriker	FD	11-11-1906	4-28-1918
Edward G. Cowan	O	11-28-1906	1907
Mary Holshouser	O	1-22-1907	1-10-1910
Boyden Holshouser	O	1-22-1907	1-22-1912
Ollie Long	FD	1907	1907
Ozella Bostian	O	7-12-1907	8- 8-1913
Agnes Bostian	O	7-12-1907	5-14-1915
Jerry Bostian	O	7-12-1907	8-28-1918
Iva Harris	FD	1907	1917
Nora Harris	FD	1907	1919
Susan Holbrooks	FD	2- 3-1908	6- -1917
Irvin Blackwelder	O	2- 3-1908	3-24-1918
Belzota Poteat	FD	2- 3-1908	5- -1909
Mary Lee Miller	O	3- 3-1908	4- 1-1917
*David W. Miller	O	3- 3-1908	8-28-1918
John H. Miller	O	3- 3-1908	2- 8-1921
George A. Miller	O	3- 3-1908	6- 2-1924
Sallie Moody	FD	6- 8-1908	6- 1-1914
Lucy Russell	FD	1-25-1909	12-29-1916
Willard Russell	FD	1-25-1909	12-29-1916
Essie Chaney	O	2-19-1909	2- -1915
Fannie B. Carriker	FD	7-14-1909	9- 1-1922
Bennie Arts	FD	8-10-1910	8- 1-1917
Charlie Arts	FD	8-10-1910	8- 1-1919
Bertie Bame	FD	4- 4-1911	9- 1-1916
Mitchell Bame	FD	4- 4-1911	4-12-1920
James Robbins	O	10- 7-1911	8- 6-1919
Charlie Robbins	O	10- 7-1911	8- 6-1919
Maggie Sullivan	FD	3-30-1912	11-17-1916
Minnie Sullivan	FD	3-30-1912	5- 6-1924
*Albert Earnhardt	O	5-31-1912	12- 2-1916
Theodore Earnhardt	O	5-31-1912	9-11-1914
Della Earnhardt	O	5-31-1912	6-16-1920
*Beulah Jenkins	FD	10 -2-1912	7-20-1920
David Jenkins	FD	10- 2-1912	11-17-1919
*Guy Jenkins	FD	10- 2-1912	11-17-1919
Paul Jenkins	FD	10- 2-1912	11-17-1919
Ruth Baker	FD	8- 6-1913	9- 1-1924
Lillie May Proctor	MD	10- 3-1913	2- 1-1917
Gladys Proctor	MD	10- 3-1913	2- 1-1917
Clatie Everhardt	FD	12-15-1914	9- 1-1917
Grace Parker	MD	12-15-1914	3-12-1922
Arthur Parker	MD	12-15-1914	5- 5-1925

Name	Parental Status	Received	Dismissed
*Charlie P. Deal	O	4-23-1915	6-15-1921
George Sigmon	O	4-23-1915	
Polly Mae Sigmon	O	4-23-1915	5-22-1924
Gordon Sigmon	O	4-23-1915	3-12-1927
Nettie Ledwell	MD	5-21-1915	8- 3-1922
Welker Pless	O	12-27-1915	3-18-1921
Fletcher Pless	O	12-27-1915	3-18-1921
Sherman Pless	O	12-27-1915	8-28-1926
Jesse E. Fox	MD	8- 2-1916	9-13-1923
Myrtle Bame	FD	1- 9-1917	9-10-1924
Hoke Bame	FD	1- 9-1917	4-26-1926
William Henly	FD	1-15-1917	8- 9-1923
Ida Henly	FD	1-15-1917	7-27-1926
*Josephine Henly	FD	1-15-1917	1-10-1930
Woodrow Norris	O	3- -1917	6-16-1930
Noah Perry	FD	4- 6-1917	5- 5-1925
Etta Mae Perry	FD	4- 6-1917	7-12-1928
Joe T. Brock	MD	9-16-1917	9- 6-1919
Georgie Lee Brock	MD	9-16-1917	9- 6-1919
Arlis Brock	MD	9-16-1917	9- 6-1919
Archie Lee Everhardt	FD	10-16-1917	12-21-1912
*Baxter Everhardt	FD	10-16-1917	3- 2-1928
Hazel B. Swain	O	4- 5-1919	5-18-1924
Annie R. Swain	O	4- 5-1919	2-13-1927
Emma M. Swain	O	4- 5-1919	2-17-1929
*Carrie M. Swain	O	4- 5-1919	6- 1-1924
James L. Hodges	FD	1-18-1919	8 -3-1920
Joseph H. Hodges	FD	1-18-1919	8 -3-1920
*Adam Barnhardt	MD	6- 9-1919	8- 1-1922
John Barnhardt	MD	6- 6-1919	8- 1-1922
Annie Barnhardt	MD	6- 6-1919	8- 1-1922
Hattie Frye	O	7-10-1919	6- 8-1925
Verna Frye	O	1-10-1919	7-27-1931
Rachel Frye	O	7-10-1919	10-31-1932
Thomas Wyatt	FD	1-23-1920	6-13-1926
Fannie Mae Wyatt	FD	1-23-1910	2-27-1928
Lillie Wyatt	FD	1-23-1920	4-11-1931
Helen Swain	O	2-19-1920	8-20-1932
*Harvey Reece	O	3- 2-1921	5-25-1931
Vance Reece	O	3- 2-1921	6-14-1932
*Grady Fesperman	FD	3-16-1921	5-19-1930
Hugh Fesperman	FD	3-16-1921	2-16-1932
Louise Ramseur	O	9-27-1921	5- 7-1928
Melvin Ramseur	O	9-27-1921	6-16-1930
Carl Ramseur	O	9-27-1931	9-21-1932
Charles Ramseur	O	9-27-1921	6-14-1934
Edward Cook	O	10-28-1921	9-12-1928
Yoder Cook	O	11- 8-1921	3-12-1930
Lottie Byers	FD	9-19-1922	7-28-1927
Carl Byers	FD	9-19-1922	5- 8-1928
Francis Byers	FD	9-19-1922	8-15-1928
Garland Wagoner	O	2- 1-1923	9-28-1928
Daisy Lytle	O	5-11-1923	5- 3-1932
Carrie Lefler	FD	5-14-1923	1- 7-1928
John Lefler	FD	5-14-1923	8-18-1930
Elizabeth Propst	FD	5-22-1924	1-29-1935
Mary Arney	O	7-24-1924	12-21-1929
Mable May	O	5-28-1925	5- 4-1932

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Luther May	O	5-28-1925	5-21-1931
Mable Cranford	O	6-29-1925	5-17-1938
Moses Maxwell	FD	8-26-1955	5-11-1934
Woodrow Maxwell	FD	8-26-1925	5-30-1937
Martha Askew	MD	1- 2-1926	5- 7-1938
Lucille Fisher	MD	2-20-1926	10-16-1932
Ruth Corriher	MD	6- 7-1926	3-13-1934
Mabel Corriher	MD	6- 7-1926	4-20-1935
Arthur Corriher	MD	6- 7-1926	5- 5-1937
Virginia Evans	O	11- 2-1926	9- 6-1933
Mort Evans	O	11- 2-1926	1-28-1935
Effie Evans	O	11- 2-1926	4-22-1938
Glade Scism	MD	11- 3-1926	5- 3-1938
Ersley Mae Lemons	MD	11-10-1926	6- 4-1932
Marshall Lemons	MD	11-10-1926	5-21-1931
Chester Lemons	MD	11-10-1926	1-31-1935
Ruth Lemons	MD	11-10-1926	1-31-1935
Helen Corriher	MD	5- 5-1927	4-24-1938
Floyd Ramseur	O	2- 5-1928	7- 8-1935
Helen Tucker	MD	3-27-1928	4-30-1939
Frank Mauk	FD	5- 4-1928	10- 7-1936
Vernie Church	FD	9-30-1928	12-13-1928
Marvin Earnhardt	FD	11- 3-1928	1-20-1935
Billie Earnhardt	FD	11- 3-1928	1-20-1935
Allen Sides	FD	11- 3-1928	6- 7-1937
Billie Sides	FD	11- 3-1928	12-20-1940
Thomas Davis	O	8-20-1928	5- 5-1937
Oneta Myers	FD	2- 2-1928	4-30-1939
Kathleen Myers	FD	2- 2-1929	6-17-1941
Grady Call	FD	11- 9-1929	8-29-1935
Hubert Pethel	FD	7-11-1930	1-31-1931
James Pethel	FD	7-11-1930	1-31-1931
Melvin Bunton	FD	11- 2-1930	1-27-1943
Gladys Crawford	O	1-26-1931	9-30-1939
Jewel Black	FD	2- 2-1931	4-30-1939
Walter Norris	MD	5-11-1931	10- 6-1938
John Norris	MD	5-11-1931	7-15-1940
Clemmie Norris	MD	5-11-1931	1-10-1942
Alis Ritchie	O	8-24-1931	11-17-1937
*Roselle Ritchie	O	8-24-1931	5-19-1940
Helen Emerson	FD	10- 5-1931	1-28-1935
Ira Emerson	FD	10- 5-1931	6-10-1940
Eugene Barton	MD	10- 5-1931	12-20-1940
Marion Barton	MD	10- 5-1931	4-27-1943
Archie Campbell	MD	10-12-1931	6- 5-1939
Pervy Campbell	MD	10-12-1931	5-23-1942
Ozella Campbell	MD	10-25-1931	9- 4-1940
Edith Kincaid	O	5- 7-1932	4-22-1938
Eunice Walker	O	6-10-1932	3- 5-1944
Mary Stirewalt	MD	6-23-1932	5- 4-1943
James Daymude	FD	11-13-1932	6-10-1940
John Daymude, Jr.	FD	11-14-1932	11-14-1941
Edna Mae Lippard	FD	12 -3-1932	5-12-1942
Fred W. Lippard, Jr.	FD	12- 3-1932	5-19-1944
Paul A. Vogler	MD	1- 6-1933	12-20-1940
Julia Etta Vogler	MD	1- 6-1933	8-21-1942
Mary Frances Vogler	MD	1- 6-1933	12-24-1933
Arthur Lee Daymude	FD	9-11-1933	1-14-1943

Name	Parental Status	Received	Dismissed
Myrtle Stirewalt	MD	11-26-1933	6- 8-1946
Phyllis Ann Lippard	FD	12-13-1933	6- 5-1946
Louise Hedgecock	FD	12- 4-1934	4-27-1943
Violet Condrey	FD	12- 6-1934	4-30-1939
Raymond Condrey	FD	12- 6-1934	1-14-1942
Jack Henderson	FD	9-17-1935	5-12-1942
Nanette Pinion	FD	9-17-1935	9-21-1945
*Billie Pinion	FD	9-17-1935	9-13-1938
Billie F. Stirewalt	MD	9-22-1935	7-30-1945
Madge Hedrick	MD	2- 6-1935	2-17-1946
V. June Hedrick	MD	2- 6-1936	3-17-1948
Alex Thomason	FD	2-13-1936	5- 9-1942
Marie Thomason	FD	2-13-1936	5-25-1943
Clyde Thomason	FD	2-13-1936	7-27-1944
Henry Ritchie	O	7- 6-1936	4-27-1943
Louise Ritchie	O	7-20-1936	4- 6-1946
Grover Ritchie	O	7- 6-1936	1- 1-1948
David Howard	FD	3- 9-1937	1-30-1944
Annie Marie Meadows	O	6-30-1937	6- 4-1946
Lewis Peeler	MD	5- 4-1938	12- 5-1942
Evelyn Peeler	MD	5- 4-1938	5-30-1949
Celia Peeler	MD	5- 4-1938	5-30-1949
Imogene McLemore	FD	11- 5-1938	6- 1-1945
Audry Lee McLemore	FD	11- 5-1938	6- 1-1945
Earl McLemore	FD	11- 5-1938	6- 1-1945
Albert Nelson	FD	12- 1-1938	1-29-1944
Ray Herbert McLemore	FD	2-11-1939	6- 1-1945
Wallace Braxton Stanback	N	7- 22-1939	6- 1-1949
Charles Field Stanback	N	7-22-1939	9- 8-1950
Frances Elliot	MD	8- 2-1940	6- 5-1946
Peggy Logan	MD	8- 2 1940	5-30-1949
Rebecca Cook	MD	8- 2-1940	5-24-1951
Fred Cook	MD	8- 2-1940	6- 2-1945
Richard Cook	MD	8- 2-1940	6- 3-1948
Houston Chambers	O	8- 9-1940	9-12-1950
Robert Lee Patterson	FD	2- 3-1941	5-23-1950
John Allen	O	2-23-1941	9- 1-1949
Thelma Peeler	MD (To place)		8-10-1941
Hazel Waller	O	2- 6-1942	5-24-1951
Zannie Waller	O	2- 6-1942	5-23-1950
Velma Willard	MD	4- 6-1942	6- 4-1946
Odell Willard	MD	4- 6-1942	6-12-1946
Darrell Willard	MD	4- 6-1942	6-12-1946
Barbara Ann Fox	N	8- 8-1942	7-18-1951
Ollie Fox	N	8- 8-1942	7-18-1951
Barbara June Long	N	8-10-1942	2-18-1952
Robert Blackwell	MD	8-11-1942	4 25-1949
Frank Blackwell	MD	7-11-1942	4- 9-1950
Peggy Thomason	FD	8-17-1942	7- 3-1948
Sarah Thomason	FD	8-17-1942	7- 3-1948
Billy Clifford Rabon	O	3-22-1943	1-30-1945
Edith Jean Rabon	O	3-22-1943	6- 7-1946
Mildred Lambert	FD	10-15-1943	5-26-1951
Mary Ella Lambert	FD	10-15-1943	12-25-1950
Doris Williams	N	10-15-1943	9-26-1950
William Thomas Hooks	MD	3-31-1944	10- 1-1946
Marion Pink Hooks	MD	3-31-1944	5-12-1948
Bobby Charles Smith	N	2- 4-1944	8-20-1946

Marion Efrid Horton	N	3-22-1944	6- 7-1953
Thomas Horton	N	3-22-1944	9- 2-1950
Mary Horton	N	3-22-1944	6- 3-1951
Ruth Hooks	MD	3-31-1944	8-10-1952
Geneva Hooks	MD	3-31-1944	5-28-1952
Carrie Alice Hooks	MD	3-31-1944	7-28-1954
Charles Crawford Corriher	N	9- 1-1944	10-22-1944
Lawrence Julian Corriher	N	9- 1-1944	10-22-1944
Thomas Lee Kennedy	N	9-30-1944	8-26-1950
Mary Elizabeth Arnette	O	3-14-1945	8- 8-1951
Bobby Jay Arnette	O	3-14-1945	3- 7-1951
Nina Mae Arnette	O	3-14-1945	8- 8-1951
Cleatus Roscoe Cook	MD	8- 1-1945	8-24-1949
Clyde Edward Cook	MD	8- 1-1945	8-24-1949
Margie Lula Cook	MD	8- 1-1945	8-24-1949
Mary Rose Cook	MD	8- 1-1945	8-24-1949
Shirley Mae Morris	N	8-13-1945	2-23-1951
Arlie Morris	N	8-13-1945	5-16-1947
Marlene Beaver	N	9-27-1946	9-23-1947
Gracie Beaver	N	9-27-1946	9-23-1947
Nancy Beaver	N	9-27-1946	8-22-1949
Shirley Pope	N	6-10-1946	2-21-1947
Harold Pope	N	6-10-1946	2-21-1947
*Carl Dixon	N	7-31-1946	1-17-1952
William Dixon	N	7-31-1946	6-26-1952
Melvin Dixon	N	7-31-1946	6-26-1952
Sue Ritchie	O	6-28-1946	6- 6-1952
Faye Ritchie	O	6-28-1946	8-31-1955
Eugene Ritchie	O	6-28-1946	7- 2-1954
Jimmy Ritchie	O	6-28-1946	6- 3-1955
Truitt Honeycutt	FD	8- 9-1946	9- 1-1949
Sparks Honeycutt	FD	8- 9-1946	12-26-1954
Shirley Honeycutt	FD	8- 9-1946	7-31-1953
Joan Honeycutt	FD	8- 9-1946	12-26-1954
John Wayne Cross	N	2-17-1947	12-26-1954
Bobby Lee Cross	N	2-17-1947	5- 5-1948
Virginia Ruth Ates	FD	9-26-1947	8-11-1951
Mozzelle Hefner	FD	4-10-1947	2- 2-1952
Wanda Hefner	FD	4-10-1947	2- 2-1952
Richard Hefner	FD	3-10-1947	2- 2-1952
Lucy Irene Benfield	O	9-18-1947	6-28-1955
Joyce W. Benfield	O	9-18-1947	6-28-1955
Florence Janet Benfield	O	9-18-1947	7-22-1955
Fred Delane Benfield	O	9-18-1947	7- 6-1954
Marvin Chandler	N	1- 7-1947	11- 2-1947
Linda Gail Whitt	FD	9-12-1948	
Larry Newton Whitt	FD	9-12-1948	
Ray Sechler	N	7-27-1949	
Carrol Dean Bass	N	1- 8-1950	7- 4-1954
Brenda Bass	N	1- 8-1950	7- 4-1954
Donnell Benfield	O	4- 8-1950	7-22-1955
Jimmy Benfield	O	4- 8-1950	6-17-1955
Vicky Ann Hankins	N	8-29-1950	12-24-1951
Van Hankins	N	8-29-1950	12-24-1951
Monnie Lee Sechler	N	6-30-1950	
Toney Leandor Moore	N	2- 5-1951	9-24-1952
Mary Frances Peacock	N	2- 7-1951	10- 3-1952
Brenda Peacock	N	2- 7-1951	10- 3-1952

Linda Peacock	N	2- 7-1951	10- 3-1952
Elizabeth Ann Jones	N	8-27-1951	5-29-1952
Gloria Sue Jones	N	8-27-1951	5-29-1952
Pricilla Jones	N	8-27-1951	5-29-1952
William Leonard Adams	FD	9- 5-1951	9-20-1952
Rebecca Jean Snider	FD	2- 9-1951	6- 6-1952
Carlie Lee Snider	FD	2- 9-1951	
Jean Strube	FD	8-22-1951	
Mary Strube	FD	8-22-1951	8-16-1953
Billy Eugene Bowden	FD	2- 9-1951	
Grady House	MD	1- 1-1951	
Annie Frances House	MD	1- 1-1951	
William Kearn Whitt	FD	8-24-1951	9-30-1954
Billy Ray Gregory	N	7- 5-1951	1-14-1952
Barry Dearthmont Leonard	N	9-31-1951	3- 8-1955
Keith Carlton Leonard	N	9-31-1951	3- 8-1955
Major Wood	N	11-10-1951	11-13-1951
Clyde Malton Gantt	N	3- 2-1951	5-24-1951
Charles Maynard Gantt	N	3- 2-1951	5-24-1951
Shirley Brown	N	6- 8-1945	12-23-1945
Wayne Robbins	N	2-20-1952	5-30-1952
Brenda Gail Robbins	N	2-20-1952	
Linda Kay Robbins	N	2-20-1952	
Robert Eugene Lee	N	4- 6-1952	8-22-1952
Barbara Jean Clayton	N	11- 5-1952	8-25-1953
Peggy Nadine Clayton	N	11- 5-1952	8-25-1953
Brenda Joyce Clayton	N	11- 5-1952	8-25-1953
Eddie Ray Millis	N	10-16-1952	7- 2-1955
John Albert Millis	N	10-16-1952	7- 2-1955
Julia Ann Millis	N	10-16-1952	5-30-1955
Darrell Gene Owen	N	8-31-1952	
Harry Brown Owen, Jr.	N	8-31-1952	
Larry Gray Owen	N	8-31-1952	
Lois Faye Dagenheart	MD	2-11-1953	5-29-1953
Lois Kay Dagenheart	MD	2-11-1953	5-29-1953
Lynn Harding Dagenheart	MD	2-11-1953	5-29-1953
Helen May	N	3-18-1953	4- 8-1953
Cozy May	N	3-18-1953	8-23-1953
Carl Grady May	N	3-18-1953	8-23-1953
Linda Dean Bullard	N	8-13-1953	2-22-1954
Brenda Jean Bullard	N	8-13-1953	2-22-1954
Roy Lee Love	N	8-25-1953	11- 7-1953
Robert Frank Love, Jr.	N	8-25-1953	11- 7-1953
Linda Marie Wright	FD	9- 2-1953	
Juanita Wright	FD	9- 2-1953	
*Robert Lee Wright	FD	9- 2-1953	
Mary Ann Hooks	FD	9-11-1953	7-15-1954
Robert Lee Hamby	N	9-21-1953	3-20-1955
John Henry Hamby	N	9-21-1953	3-20-1955
Jerry Eugene Hamby	N	9-21-1953	3-20-1955
Ralph Edward McClung	N	7-21-1954	12-26-1954
Harry Johnny McClung	N	7-21-1954	12-26-1954
Linda Elizabeth Williams	MD	8-23-1954	
Joyce Faye William	MD	8-23-1954	
Robert Gray Easter	O	2- 1-1954	
Doland Bruce Easter	O	2- 1-1954	
Patricia Dale Hartley	N	2- 7-1954	5-28-1955
Rebecca Kay Hartley	N	2- 7-1954	5-28-1955

Wilhimina Smith	N	1-23-1954
Andrea Smith	N	1-23-1954
Mary Smith	N	1-23-1954
Ethel Smith	N	1-23-1954
Thomas Smith	N	1-28-1955
Ralph Haywood Turner	N	6-11-1955
Robert Lee Kearns	FD	6-22-1955
Larry Dale Robbins	N	8-11-1955
Sebern Douglas Isley	N	8-17-1955
Glenda Faye Isley	N	8-17-1955
Larry Wayne Isley	N	8-17-1955
Judy Ann Isley	N	8-17-1955
John Howard Isley	N	8-17-1955

No official files of records were kept till the administration of Rev. W. H. McNairy. Many of the papers, indentures for the admission of children, have been lost. The records of the meetings of the Board of Managers and of the Executive Committee did not record the admission of children. Sometimes the record reads, "several children were admitted", no names, no data of any kind. This accounts for the incompleteness of this record. It may be that some other children were admitted, and after a short time were released, of whom there is no record.

THE HEALTH of our children is of great importance in our service to them. As we look back over the years and see the sacrifices made by our people and count the money we have spent to make a better life for our children we cannot help but see that life in Nazareth Orphans' Home is conducive to good physical and mental health. Here we have a well balanced food supply, beautiful and comfortable physical equipment, plenty of room to grow and plenty of good, pure air to breathe.

In the 1955 report of the Superintendent is proof of our concern for the health of our children. Thirty-one visits to medical doctor or dentist were made. Four children received polio vaccine. Dr. A. B. Edwards of the State Health Department was on our campus the week of August 8th. He checked and cleaned teeth of all children, also filled cavities and made necessary extractions. Since our children attend public school they receive additional physical examinations by the County Health Department at several grade levels during their years in school. From these examinations we are notified and treat eye, nose, throat, ear, chest and bone disorders. The Rowan County Health Department holds typhoid clinics in the Home at regular intervals. Dr. C. E. Brown of Faith is our family doctor and has donated his services to the Home for over thirty years. Dr. Frank Shafer of Salisbury serves in the absence of Dr. Brown. Dr. Frank McCutchan of Salisbury and Dr. R. B.

* Deceased
 O Full Orphan
 FD Father Dead
 MD Mother Dead
 N Both Parents Living

Rankin of Concord have donated their services faithfully through the years, taking out tonsils and fitting glasses. Every member of the Rowan Dental Association lends a helping hand when needed, gratis. Dr. L. C. Holshouser of Rockwell bears the brunt of our dental emergencies and has a great "pull" with our children.



DR. CLARENCE E. BROWN
FAITH, NORTH CAROLINA

Dr. Clarence E. Brown began the practice of medicine in Faith, North Carolina, January 31, 1919. He is a graduate of the Medical School of Virginia, and finished his internship at a Richmond hospital. Dr. Brown received a discharge from the U. S. Army Medical Corps just

prior to coming to Faith. From 1928-1930 he served as Rowan County Coroner. He is a past president of the local Medical Society, and a former Chief-of-Staff at Rowan Memorial Hospital. He has been the Family Doctor for Nazareth Orphans' Home for 37 years.

RECREATION, ENTERTAINMENT AND VACATIONS are sponsored by Nazareth Orphans' Home to balance the lives of our children. Each child has a two weeks summer vacation which may be spent with relatives or friends or at summer camp. Each child also has one week with family or friends during the Christmas holidays. Through a Fun-Fund, made possible by special gifts at Christmas, money is provided to pay for away from Home recreation in the form of movies, ball games, school plays, swimming parties and other activities of a similar nature. One of the projects of the Social Service Department of the Women's Guild is to provide a goodly part of this Fun-Fund. During 1955 we made 72 trips away from Home for recreational purposes.

Each child has ample opportunity to read for recreation. Our magazine subscriptions include: Holiday, Look, Life, Farm Journal, Christian Herald, Charm, Seventeen, Jack and Jill, Wee Wisdom, Popular Mechanics, Sports Afield and others. They have access to two newspapers. In addition to our own library we are served by the Rowan County Library with monthly visits from the Bookmobile. There are radios and television sets in both dormitories. Couple all these with enough children to have a party any old time and you will never have a dull moment. Our children are happy whether they realize it or not. To the above mentioned quiet types of recreation add baseball, football, skating, hunting, fishing, and general procrastination, for a well-rounded program of fun and frolic.

Two highlights of our entertainment program each year are the Christmas parties put on by the Salisbury Kiwanis Club, and the Woodmen of the World Camps of Salisbury, Rockwell and Concord.

NEEDS OF OUR TIMES BRINGS CHANGES. The services we are rendering humanity in this our fiftieth year would seem strange to the men who founded our institution. The first two decades we served only orphans and half orphans. People in general never dreamed that a society such as ours would become so involved in riotous living that so many families would let anything destroy the sanctity of their homes. Even responsible people of today are bewildered and are groping in the dark for understanding. Our forefathers worked hard for their families and our foremothers stayed home and worked just as hard rearing their children and making a home that was worthy of the name.

To the ordinary family in the early days of the century few conveniences were known, hospitals were few and far between, penicillin was unheard of, medical science had not made such rapid strides. Often, in the cases of poor, hardworking parents, their lives were spent before

their children were grown. When the breadwinner or breadbaker was laid to rest there was untold suffering to add to the grief of helpless children.

Today thousands of parents live to see their great-grandchildren. Statistics tell us that in 1920 there were 750,000 orphaned children throughout the United States. Today there are only 60,000 full orphans. This blessing of having parents live longer is offset by increasing broken homes and unwed mothers. The trend toward placing these children in Homes is increasing rapidly. Nazareth Home looks with pity on these children from broken homes. They are like "A Man Without A Country". You will note that many of the children we serve come from broken homes. These children are thrice more to be pitied than the orphaned child. Most children accept no substitute for their parents regardless of how lost they are. Broken homes are so difficult to help. The Department of Public Welfare does a great work in this field. Orphanages are changing their services to help when nothing else will work. Many cannot be helped by our services but we should concentrate on those for whom there is a ray of hope.

What is the cure for this deplorable situation? Since it is brought about by irresponsible parents who have no sense of true parenthood it seems that they are the ones who should be brought to task. In the early years of our nation those who refused to accept responsibility were more or less held down by the sentiment expressed in this adage, "Let those who dance pay the fiddler". If this penalty could be imposed today a lot of our troubles would stop. If those who create tension and cause heartaches had to pick up the tab for "the music" they might stop and think. Certainly they would soon cut down and spare those who have no desire to dance much financial worry and many heart breaks.

Juvenile delinquency and slack discipline are a natural outgrowth of our times. Delinquent parents foster delinquent children. A child left to his own devices will seek amusement and occupation. Often it will be the wrong sort. Twentieth century children seem to come equipped with radar and tape recorders. It is only natural that they will pick up everything they see and hear and play it back to us. Trashy literature, narcotics, cheap movies, alcohol—all are too easily accessible to our youth. Are we breeding another generation who will desert their families and fill our institutions with bewildered, heartbroken children? Or will we wake up and start instilling into our young people a sense of responsibility? Life can be beautiful, but we must work to make it so. It is not all a game, although it takes a lot of fair play and sportsmanship. Let us teach our children to love God, respect themselves and their fellowmen.

Self respect and respect for the rights of others could be described as having good manners. Modern psychologists tell us that training a child to have good manners is one of the first steps toward developing

a good citizen. A child who is reared in a home where parents are courteous to one another and to the children learns this by precept and example. We are told to set a good example for our children, what better example than a kindly manner that teaches consideration and courtesy for all with whom we come in contact. If we can train in good manners then we can start licking the delinquency problem at its beginning. Parents may often feel that they are lost and lack a model for themselves. Let us not lose sight of the greatest model of right living the world has ever known. He was kindly and gentle, but He fought evil with great vehemence.

Poverty is sometimes stated as the reason for placing a child in an institution when both parents are living. A poor family can be happy with limited material possessions if they do not become spiritually poor. Spiritual poverty breaks up more homes than material poverty. Where there is strong love and spiritual riches worldly possessions have little meaning. Many families who can not give their teen-age sons automobiles can inspire them to noble living. Some of the greatest men of our nation have come from the humblest, most poverty stricken homes. It is not what clothes the man that makes him, but the heart and soul that God has placed within his body. A man doesn't have to be rich to have a rich life.

THE GOOD EARTH has helped to nurture our Home through the years.

Our farm is a valuable asset. We have endeavored to put back as much as we have taken out of the land. Stumps have been removed, slopes have been terraced, and we have planted several thousand pine seedlings. One hundred acres have been fenced for pasture and improvements are made each year in establishing grazing stands of grass. Wild life borders have been established. The Home owns three tractors and a well-balanced inventory of other farm equipment. The farm is stocked with dairy cattle, beef cattle, and swine. In the orchard are 15 pecan trees, 75 peach trees, and 12 apple trees.

The Farm production for the year 1955 included: 75,258 pounds of milk; 40 dozen eggs, 1,000 pounds of dressed hens, 800 pounds of dressed fryers; 4,500 pounds of dressed pork; 600 pounds of dressed beef; 30.5 tons of baled lespedeza hay, 32.5 tons baled alfalfa hay, and 5 tons mixed hay; 10 tons baled straw; 117 bushels barley; 294 bushels oats; 75 bushels wheat, and 250 bushels corn. We received from rented land: 43 bushels barley, 135 bushels oats, 91 bushels wheat, 159 bales straw, 150 bushels corn, and 233 bales lespedeza hay.

We consumed at our table, stored, cured, and sold surpluses from this production a total of \$8,732.35 in value. The operating cost of the Farm for the year including salaries and supplies was \$6,164.78.

Mr. Edward G. Kerr is our present farm supervisor. Mr. Kerr has served in this capacity since 1950. He is a graduate of Mississippi A. and

M. College, worked for Mr. B. H. Bull and Sons, importers of registered cattle, Brampton, Ontario, Canada, and was herdsman for five years at the Taylor Plantation, Columbia, S. C. He was herdsman at North Carolina State College for 18 years and at Oxford Orphanage for 3 years.

Our children are contributors also to the success of our fifty years of service. The girls help cook, sweep, iron, launder, and a score of other things. The boys have ploughed, dug stumps, hoed gardens, raked leaves, milked cows in all kinds of weather, helped butcher, hauled hay and many other things that have not been very exciting to them. I challenge any man to look them in the eye and say that the Home is beautiful without shaking their hand. I am not saying that I feel sorry for them, the truth is that they should be envied by any red-blooded American boy or girl. Thousands of young people today are starving for a chance to earn such respect. We pledge to share our prosperity with our children as they have so nobly shared our depressions.

THE MINISTERS of the Classis of North Carolina, which has been identified as Southern Synod in more recent years, have played a major role in the development of Nazareth Orphans' Home. The records show that many of them have served on our Board of Managers, as officers and on important committees through the years. We would pay a special tribute to them on our Fiftieth Anniversary. They have presented the Home to the churches and helped in numerous ways to finance the Home. They have been real good sports to allow the Superintendent to horn in on their churches with an appeal for orphanage contributions. There may have been times when they would liked to have socked the Superintendent in the nose when he arrived with a brief case and got one foot in the door, but it was too late then. In all sincerity, we have tried to keep our appeals in line, remembering that there are other institutions in our Synod with demands on the same congregations. It is not our purpose to handicap others in their appeals nor work a hardship on the churches. Southern Synod is the most wonderful of all the Synods. We are not competitors for her heart, but co-ops in Kingdom Service.

We must remind the ministers, however, that they still have a great responsibility in the welfare of Nazareth Orphans' Home as we cross over the 50-year service mark and press toward the future. Without their continued leadership and financial appeal to the congregations Nazareth Orphans' Home would come to grief. The Superintendent pledges his assistance to them in every way possible in this matter.

We are proud to call Rowan County, home. The proposal, "that the Orphanage be located at Crescent, North Carolina, a very small village in south Rowan County", was accepted by Rowan County with open arms and open hearts. Many of our children come from Rowan. Nazareth Orphans' Home owes a great debt of gratitude to the people and merchants of Rockwell, Faith, Granite Quarry, Salisbury, China Grove, and Landis, for the love and consideration they have shown us in our

needs. The professional men of the area donate their services in part or in toto along with their good will. The Sheriff's Department and the Highway Patrol guard our children like a father guards his son. The Farm Agent's Department checks us often to see that we do not sleep at the switch. The Salisbury Fire Department protected us for many years and now the Rockwell, Faith, and Granite Quarry Departments donate their service in time of need. Churchmen of all denominations and all the civic organizations of Rowan County have blessed us with service and good will. May we in turn be a blessing to a wonderful county.

PUBLIC RELATIONS WILL ALWAYS BE A TREMENDOUS FORCE IN THE BUILDING OF NAZARETH ORPHANS' HOME. The various Superintendents and Boards of Managers have endeavored through the years to keep the Home in the mind of the public. Personal contact, as the Superintendent and children meet with our Synod congregations in their own churches, stimulates much interest. The annual Picnic is a great booster too.

Printed material, booklets and brochures have given pertinent facts to interested readers. The most comprehensive of these publications was "Thirty Years Service", printed in 1936. It was compiled by Supt. Ray P. Lyerly, Rev. W. C. Lyerly and Mr. George H. Moose. Part of this history is a reprint of that booklet.

The splendid cooperation of our Synod Standard and Synod Reporters is worthy of note. We would also express appreciation to local and state newspapers as well as to radio stations who help us with our public relations program.

We feel that The Salisbury Post deserves especial mention, as does Mac McKa whom we count among our best newspaper friends. We must not forget John Suther who is always Johnny-on-the-spot with his camera when we want a picture made.

Dr. Bruce Wentz of Catawba College made a great contribution to our public relations program in 1951. As a personal donation he made a set of over 50 lovely color slides portraying our campus, activities and buildings. These slides have been the highlight of programs presented to Guild, Brotherhood and Youth groups. They have also been shown to civic groups and other non-church groups with gratifying results.

Since Rev. Melvin Hamm has been pastor at Lyerly Memorial he has added quite a few slides to those donated by Dr. Wentz. These have brought our activities up to date as well as giving us pictures of the children currently living at the Home.

Another photographer who is due a word of thanks is our School Principal, Mr. J. W. Puckett. He calls himself a Hobby Photographer, but he is a good "Hobbyist" and we appreciate all the lovely work he has done for us as his contribution to a good cause.

Affiliation with State and National Institutional Organizations gives us recognition far from home. Duke Endowment reports and State Welfare newsheets and reports put our name in North Carolina print.

Visitors on our campus are one of our most desirable methods of stimulating public interest, so come to see us, you will always find a welcome.

THE ANALYSIS OF INCOME AND EXPENSES in this our 50th year gives us a bright outlook. Income for 1955 was \$42,523.41. Duke Endowment figures show our receipts from 1943-1954 to be \$478,598, which is an average per year of \$39,883. The income has increased steadily since 1906. Income from churches of Southern Synod for the 12 year period 1943-1954 was \$179,840 or a yearly average of \$14,987. These figures include donations of food, equipment, supplies, clothing and services.

Duke Endowment figures show that our expenses for the same period were \$400,861, or a yearly average of \$33,405. All surplus funds have been placed in Endowment. Practically all surplus has come from bequests, special gifts and memorials which were restricted to Endowment.

The cost of living index has continually increased through the years. The indications are that it will continue as the population of America increases. The Per Capita Cost of serving our children:

.6315 cents per day or	\$230.49 per year	1927
.5914 cents per day or	316.45 per year	1932
.6723 cents per day or	245.39 per year	1938
\$1.150 cents per day or	370.40 per year	1943
\$2.1142 cents per day or	773.80 per year	1948
\$2.4800 cents per day or	905.20 per year	1954



ALL OF GOD'S CHILLUN'S GOT SHOES

NAZARETH ORPHANS' HOME

Grand Total Assets 1926 Through 1955 From The Duke Endowment Accounting

1926.....\$128,055.00	1941.....\$186,220.04
1927..... 132,140.15	1942..... 158,379.91
1928..... 185,106.90	1943..... 172,114.51
1929..... 189,202.36	1944..... 182,882.10
1930..... 186,865.87	1945..... 188,979.96
1931..... 187,345.44	1946..... 209,041.11
1932..... 190,109.18	1947..... 262,860.66
1933..... 188,665.90	1948..... 361,815.27
1934..... 189,127.30	1949..... 368,408.94
1935..... 192,569.58	1950..... 368,106.40
1936..... 192,502.82	1951..... 398,856.16
1937..... 199,845.82	1952..... 410,392.84
1938..... 170,407.83	1953..... 412,871.20
1939..... 171,369.65	1954..... 417,027.62
1940..... 175,318.55	1955..... 437,041.42

ANNUAL APPORTIONMENTS FROM THE DUKE ENDOWMENT

1926.....\$1,081.29	1941.....\$1,310.55
1927..... 1,161.57	1942..... 1,320.70
1928..... 1,098.06	1943..... 1,489.27
1929..... 1,012.97	1944..... 1,471.19
1930..... 1,256.42	1945..... 1,515.25
1931..... 1,233.41	1946..... 1,444.70
1932..... 1,348.71	1947..... 1,651.09
1933..... 1,143.00	1948..... 1,781.19
1934..... 1,111.99	1949..... 1,607.11
1935..... 854.57	1950..... 1,337.77
1936..... 1,162.01	1951..... 1,345.01
1937..... 1,591.31	1952..... 1,284.71
1938..... 943.35	1953..... 1,644.85
1939..... 1,287.89	1954..... 1,915.56
1940..... 1,252.40	1955..... 1,690.05

FIVE-YEAR CONTRIBUTIONS CHURCHES OF SOUTHERN SYNOD

	1951	1952	1953	1954	1955
First Asheboro	\$ 66.50	\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 5.00	\$ 100.00
Bear Creek	110.17	72.73	149.39	186.45	142.76
Boger	110.02	99.58	120.70	58.49	94.88
Brightwood	25.00	15.00	17.00	18.45	25.00
Brookford	36.19	110.54	139.01	34.59	61.40
First, Burlington	959.56	209.41	551.79	545.29	300.00
Brick	22.00	79.25	22.60	30.67	23.92

Beck's	135.55	200.00	150.00	125.00	129.50
Bethany, U. D.	150.00	39.00	50.00	124.33	125.00
Bethlehem		19.21			
Bethany, Claremont	53.30	50.00	50.00	50.00	50.00
Bethel, S. F.	31.50	152.74	137.41	40.00	65.04
Beulah	89.70	156.00	155.00	175.00	150.00
Christ Church	18.48	41.50	35.23	54.90	51.67
Calvary	103.79	156.91	131.80	256.84	85.50
Charlotte, First	389.52	301.84	266.37	312.50	295.94
Concord, Trinity	200.00	200.00	100.00	250.00	350.00
Conover, Trinity	577.57	324.72	463.31	433.09	537.14
Daniel's	112.69	61.77	58.13	78.10	92.15
Emanuel	150.00	150.00	187.50	174.03	202.03
Greensboro 1st	688.60	514.20	469.95	546.55	548.44
Grace, S. F.	67.96	26.00	17.00	12.00	20.00
Hickory, Corinth	819.56	429.09	449.19	645.92	408.91
High Point 1st	1,230.03	1,300.00	2,386.52	800.84	805.30
Hedrick's Grove	187.50	150.00	150.00	150.00	100.00
Hebron	224.62	247.20	246.52	200.00	200.00
Jerusalem	25.00	40.00	40.00	40.00	5.00
Keller	71.20		60.00	35.00	25.00
Lyerly Memorial	364.63	443.76	392.00	430.34	573.83
Lowell, Fla.	5.00				5.00
Landis	300.00	328.58	400.00	400.00	400.00
Lexington 1st	25.00	585.00	1,200.00	610.00	950.00
Lexington 2nd	671.10	573.60	641.09	719.08	519.25
Lincolnton, Em.	159.87	129.48	169.54	145.32	115.21
Lower Stone	291.80	224.24	207.27	168.48	260.19
Macedonia	14.70			12.62	46.83
Mt. Zion, China Grove.....	604.52	559.16	595.22	643.19	782.52
Mt. Hope, Guilford	190.40	353.81	198.98	77.95	312.27
Maiden, Maiden	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00
Mt. Tabor	198.56	225.00	161.16	89.45	89.61
Mt. Hope, Rowan	179.44	194.99	207.27	176.42	196.88
Memorial, Rt. Lexington....			(Just organized)	50.00	50.00
New Friendship, Rt. Lex...			(Just organized)	25.00	32.66
New Gilead	206.76	150.00	150.00	150.00	150.00
Newton, Grace	275.00	322.22	601.76	618.60	228.69
Paul's Chapel	159.32	86.74	96.56	82.56	160.38
Pilgrim	203.16	398.83	334.55	325.00	310.00
Robertson Memorial	60.14	114.45	113.20	72.98	117.00
Rogers Park		100.00	20.00		338.06
Rockwell, Ursinus	358.36	424.37	392.00	419.52	550.39
St. Matthew's Chapel.....	79.45	54.53	81.76	123.69	74.01
St. James	92.12	76.78	159.27	270.00	135.00
St. Mark's	400.00	559.65	677.01	633.98	679.33
Shiloh	1,073.58	988.35	883.40	879.46	793.04
St. John's, Kannapolis.....	300.00	368.06	331.00	288.00	354.00
St. Matthew's, M.	22.65	53.10	45.74	56.45	85.00
Salem		71.47	89.22	108.33	75.00
St. Luke's	454.69	463.23	411.38	434.53	590.32
St. Paul's, Kannapolis.....	148.66	113.02	150.00	18.30	150.00
Salisbury 1st	389.15	194.50	269.01	106.00	235.77
Smyrna	5.00	25.00	8.65	25.00	25.00
St. Paul's, S. F.	60.61	104.38	109.30	106.52	114.25
St. John's, Burlington.....			(Just organized)	30.00	50.00
St. John's, Fla.					5.00
Trinity, St. Petersburg.....			(New church)	39.50	46.00
Thomasville, H.	127.91	94.66	137.50	170.94	123.04

Winston-Salem, 1st	195.43	342.00	360.00	196.56	460.00
Winston-Salem, Mem.	97.05	152.63	24.21	215.00	99.70
Zion, Thomasville	133.21	145.75	142.29	143.81	103.48
Zion, Lenoir	647.76	194.46	332.22	322.87	236.41
Raleigh, First				(New Church)	50.01
	\$15,254.04	\$14,422.69	\$16,846.98	\$14,958.94	\$15,758.89

The grand total contributions from the churches of Southern Synod for five years to Nazareth Orphans' Home through 1955—\$77,241.54.

*"Hold high the torch
 You did not light its glow—
 'Twas given you by other hands, you know
 'Tis yours to keep it burning bright."*

Prior to 1948 friends of loved ones began to make contributions to the Home "instead of sending flowers". At that time there was no specific memorial fund established separately from the general endowment of the Home. With these specific contributions, the Board saw the need for, and established a "Memorial Fund" in 1948 for families and friends to express their love and sympathy in a more lasting way. Our "Memorial Fund" is a recorded permanent memorial held in sacred trust and invested in permanent endowment.

IN MEMORIAM

PRIOR TO AND INCLUDING

1948

G. A. Batte	Mrs. J. A. McCombs
Mrs. S. F. Abernethy	Mrs. J. W. Pee'ler
Mrs. J. F. Abernethy	Mrs. L. C. Troxler
R. A. Grimes	Mrs. Jennie McNairy
Ben F. Green	Mrs. G. H. Geitner
Malco'm G. Lentz	Mrs. Josephine Grimes
K. A. Link	Mac Earnhardt

1949

Mrs. Kate Shuford Menzies	Marshall Rocket
Matthias J. Patterson	John W. Aiken
Mrs. H. W. Bost	W. W. Whitaker
Richard C. Boyd	

1950

Mrs. Glenn Rhinehart	Mrs. Harn Barringer
Mrs. C. P. Cline	Joseph L. Murphy
Perry A. Carpenter	George T. Holshouser
George O. Lipe	

1951

Jacob O. Moose
Rev. C. C. Wagoner
Everett A. Sloop
Walker Lyerly, Jr.

Mrs. Jones Hunsucker
Mrs. Clarence Peeler
Charles S. Hoffmaier
David Ross, Jr.

1952

Mrs. Emma Beegel
W. R. Ridenhour
Mrs. Louise Morgan
Mrs. M. J. Abernethy
Mrs. John Fritz

Joseph C. Boyles
Mrs. Boyd Moose
Rev. Milton Whitener
George L. Lyerly, Sr.
Charles E. Brantley

Mrs. J. W. Bradley

1953

L. N. Noland
Mrs. W. A. Beck
Mrs. Colen Clodfelter

Homer L. Ferguson
Hoy Lee Fesperman, Jr.
Rev. John A. Koons

1954

W. R. Weaver
Rev. W. C. Lyerly
C. M. Linn

Mrs. Walker Lyerly
Mrs. Fred Abernethy
R. E. Leonard

Clarence W. Peeler

1955

Mrs. A. M. Penninger
Mrs. J. A. Rowland
Carrol Bost
A. A. Blackwelder
Thomas L. Moose, Jr.
Mrs. S. C. Klutz
Ed. Brown
C. C. Bost, Jr.

Mrs. Marriman Cheek
M. J. Abernethy
C. V. Greeson
Harvey Geitner
Mrs. W. H. Thompson
P. E. Lippard
H. A. M., Barringer
Charles A. Suther

PARTIAL LIST
SPECIFIC BEQUESTS AND ENDOWMENT FUNDS

Name of Fund	Amount	Started
Dr. Moses A. Foil, Mt. Pleasant, N. C.....	\$ 200.00	1907
Dr. Paul Barringer Fund, Mt. Pleasant, N. C.....	200.00	1907
Dr. John A. Foil Fund, Newton, N. C.....	400.00	1907
David H. Hinkle Fund, Lexington, N. C.....	500.00	1916
Mrs. Laura Hoffman Hodges Fund, Baltimore, Md.....	2,000.00	1917
J. M. May Fund, Greensboro, N. C.....	2,500.00	1920
Charles M. Owen Fund, Burlington, N. C.....	100.00	1922
R. L. Leonard Fund, Lexington, N. C.....	500.00	1922
Martha Lula Frey Fund.....	100.00	1923
Elder and Mrs. George A. Wood Fund, Chambersburg, Pa.....	5,000.00	1923
M. L. Mantz Fund, Spencer, Ohio.....	2,395.00	1925
Sallie A. Prizer Fund, Schwenksville, Pa.....	125.00	1931
John H. Moose Fund, Gold Hill, N. C.....	100.00	1934
D. L. Carroll Fund.....	300.00	1937
M. C. Rhodes Fund.....	2,000.00	1937
Mrs. Dr. A. B. Byerly Fund.....	2,000.00	1937
Sarah J. Leiphart Fund, York, Pa.....	6,776.24	1937
Titus A. Fluck Fun, Saudertown, Pa.....	200.00	1938
Emma J. Fouse Fund, Akron, Ohio.....	2,843.79	1940
Florence Siceloff Leonard Fund, Lexington, N. C.....	1,000.00	1941
Joe Ben and Minnie Swing Fund, Lexington, N. C.....	1,350.00	1941
Shuford Mills Fund, Hickory, N. C.....	24,000.00	1942
A. Alex Shuford Fund, Hickory, N. C.....	5,000.00	1942
Dr. Tom and Fred Stanback Fund, Salisbury, N. C.....	14,000.00	1942
Adrian L. Shuford Fund, Conover, N. C.....	3,000.00	1942
Mary J. Keller Fund, Woodstock, Va.....	278.72	1943
Sarah Schwenk Fund, Burkes County, Pa.....	300.00	1944
W. M. Overcash Fund, Kannapolis, N. C.....	10,630.49	1945
Amanda C. Frye Fund, E. Williamsport, Md.....	1,035.99	1947
William A. Schall Fund, Reading Trust Co.....	1,604.42	1947
E. T. Hedrick Bible Class, High Point, N. C.....	5,000.00	1947
Catherine and Pat Brown, High Point, N. C.....	1,000.00	1947
J. Yorke Peeler Fund, Rockwell, N. C.....	200.00	1947
William E. Conrad Fund.....	100.00	1947
W. G. Hinkle Fund, Thomasville, N. C.....	1,000.00	1947
Ida C. Thompson Fund.....	425.00	1948
Joe Deal Fund.....	75.00	1948
Mrs. C. E. Shuford Fund.....	100.00	1948
Arthur P. DeChant Fund.....	1,901.50	1948
Fesperman Bible Class Fund, Greensboro, N. C.....	4,155.21	1948
T. L. Huffman Fund.....	2,615.93	1949
Laura Huffman Fund.....	2,082.52	1949
Paul C. Barger Fund, Rowan County.....	5,000.00	1949
H. D. Sink Fund.....	50.00	1950
Otho A. Barringer Fund, Mt. Pleasant, N. C.....	1,000.00	1951
Dr. A. Asborn Fund.....	2,313.43	1951
Mary Catherine Omwake Fund.....	100.00	1951
Reed Department Store Fund.....	100.00	1951
Julius W. Abernethy Family Fund, Newton, N. C.....	14,450.00	1951
J. Grady Goldston Fund, High Point, N. C.....	1,000.00	1952
S. E. Tucker Fund, High Point, N. C.....	100.00	1952
Wade A. Shuford Fund, Hickory, N. C.....	3,000.00	1952
Laura M. Warlick Fund.....	1,266.36	1954

PARTIAL LIST
FUNDS USED FOR CURRENT OPERATION OF THE HOME

Name of Fund	Amount	Started
William E. Deal, China Grove.....	\$ 100.00	1922
Welker Pless, Rowan County.....	531.00	1924
Frey Estate, Mecklenburg County.....	865.91	1926
Mary U. Kunkle, Frederick, Md.....	285.00	1926
Paul M. Barringer, Rowan County.....	3,285.26	1932
John S. Yeager, Allentown, Pa.....	500.00	1933
Alice Rinker, Woodstock, Va.....	331.85	1933
John W. Bickel.....	96.61	1935
Daniel W. Mickley, Chambersburg, Pa.....	3,693.25	1935
Henry M. Kime, Barberton, Ohio.....	974.55	1935
Sarah J. Liephart, York, Pa. (part).....	2,652.02	1937
Paul M. Barringer (additional).....	408.86	1937
Daniel W. Bickel.....	403.39	1939
Joe Ben and Minnie Swing.....	612.91	1941
Frank M. Roller, Washington, D. C.....	270.00	1943
J. B. Hurley, Salisbury, N. C.....	75.00	1941
Standard Hosiery Mill, Burlington, N. C.....	328.00	1942
G. H. Geitner, Hickory, N. C.....	100.00	1943
Kings Daughters, First Baptist, Salisbury, N. C.....	800.00	1943
T. L. Sink, Lexington, N. C.....	500.00	1944
Harley Shuford.....	500.00	1944
George McCorkle.....	80.00	1945
Cone Foundation, Greensboro, N. C.....	1,100.00	1945
J. C. Miller.....	200.00	1946
Hickory Mfg. Co.....	1,500.00	1946
J. E. Weber.....	500.00	1947
Ivey Weavers.....	1,500.00	1947
Cannon Foundation, Kannapolis, N. C.....	1,000.00	1948
White Packing Co., Salisbury, N. C.....	1,067.50	1948
James W. Freeman, Salisbury, N. C.....	300.00	1949
Mrs. Vivian Clapp.....	100.00	1949
Joe Wright.....	425.00	1949
C. C. Graham.....	100.00	1949
Lenoir Furniture Co.....	600.00	1949
Crescent Motor Co. and Atlantic Acceptance Corp.....	300.00	1950
Dr. Ruth Leonard, Charlotte, N. C.....	400.00	1950
Dr. J. A. Smith, Lexington, N. C.....	700.00	1950
E. S. Speckler.....	100.00	1950
Dr. Frank Smith.....	100.00	1950
Mrs. A. M. Crowell, Lexington, N. C.....	100.00	1952
Dr. L. C. Holshouser, Rockwell, N. C.....	100.00	1952
Carolina Maid, Granite Quarry, N. C.....	250.00	1952
Fred Livengood.....	100.00	1952
United Veneer.....	300.00	1952
Conover Furniture Co.....	600.00	1953
R. R. Cline, Concord, N. C.....	100.00	1954

FUNDS INVESTED IN LAND AND BUILDINGS

Margaret E. S. Hood Fund, Frederick, Md.....	\$ 1,100.00
Hood Cottage, 1913	
Three Friends, Philadelphia Fund.....	500.00
Hood Cottage, 1913	
David Imbler Fund, Davidson County, N. C.....	1,395.00
Lyerly Building, 1914	

Mellville E. Doll Fund, Frederick, Md.....	500.00
Lyerly Building, 1914	
Dr. Charles H. Gutelius Fund, Mifflinburg, Pa.....	190.00
Lyerly Building, 1914	
Mary A. Woodring Fund, Easton, Pa.....	159.60
Lyerly Building, 1914	
Mr. and Mrs. D. T. Payne Fund, High Point, N. C.....	13,438.24
Payne Building, 1922	
Mary A. Santee Fund, Philadelphia, Pa.....	5,000.00
Santee Dining Hall, Payne Building, 1924	
Robert Lefler Fund, Stanly County, N. C.....	2,000.00
Superintendent's Home, 1927	
Lucinda A. Byerly Fund, Germantown, Pa.....	680.67
Whitener Laundry, 1937	
Sarah J. Leiphart Fund (part), York, Pa.....	1,400.00
Lyerly Building Heat, 1937	
John L. Weaver Fund.....	250.00
Granary, 1940	
Jacob J. Fouse Fund, Akron, Ohio.....	2,789.08
Land, 1940-1943	
Emma J. Fouse Fund (part), Akron, Ohio.....	1,581.25
Land, 1940	
Joe Ben and Minnie Swing Fund (part).....	1,077.74
Stokers, 1941	
Mrs. John L. Lyerly Memorial Fund, contributed by Elliot Mills, Hickory, N. C.....	2,000.00
Buildings, 1942	

PARTIAL LIST OF SPECIAL ASSETS OF
NAZARETH ORPHANS' HOME

Mrs. Dr. Wyatt H. McNairy Memorial Orchard		
The E. T. Hedrick Bible Class Orchard		
Mr. Lotan A. Corriher Machinery Fund.....	\$ 3,000.00	(1943)
Mr. A. L. Shuford, Sr., Machinery Fund.....	1,000.00	(1943)
The Duke Endowment Annual Apportionment		
The Joseph F. Cannon Christmas Trust Fund Apportionment		
The Margaret Vance Christmas Trust Fund Apportionment		
Elder J. Tilden Hedrick Annuity Fund.....	42,000.00	
Rockwell Casket Co. Library Fund.....	150.00	

NAZARETH ORPHANS' HOME, ROCKWELL, N. C.
CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET—DECEMBER 31, 1955

ASSETS

Cash in Bank	\$ 7,792.61
Prepaid Insurance	\$ 257.73
Provisions, etc.	2,200.00
TOTAL	2,457.73
Sundry House and Farm Equipment	\$ 18,708.50
Rolling Stock—Bus Net	700.00
Plant, Land, Buildings, etc.	190,437.59
Investments—General Fund	172,472.17
Investments—Annuity Fund	44,472.82
TOTAL	426,791.08
TOTAL ASSETS	\$437,041.42

FUND SOURCES

Student Loan Fund	\$ 1,125.00	
Machine Fund	3,000.00	
Current Fund Accumulated Earnings	23,198.40	
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TOTAL CURRENT FUNDS		\$ 27,323.40
Specific Bequests—Plant Fund	\$ 35,461.58	
Gifts and Accumulations	154,976.01	
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TOTAL PLANT FUNDS		190,437.59
Specific Bequests—Endowment Fund	\$128,682.87	
Memorial Contributions Endowment	2,478.00	
Gifts and Accumulations	42,063.36	
Home for the Aged	555.81	
Farm Profit on Stock and Rights Sales	701.17	
Annuity Fund	44,799.22	
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TOTAL ENDOWMENT FUNDS		219,280.43
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TOTAL FUNDS		\$437,041.42



A TYPICAL ANNIVERSARY PICNIC CROWD

The large income on Anniversary Days comes from “stands” and “booths”. For many years the Ursinus, St. Luke’s, Lyerly Memorial, Shiloh, Mt. Hope, and Lower Stone churches have operated “stands” for

the benefit of the Home. They actually donated all the goods, worked hard for two days or more, and turned over the total receipts to the orphanage treasurer. "All you spend on the grounds on Anniversary Day goes to the operating expenses of the Home." These churches have erected large permanent stands to handle the picnic sales. No other churches actually give so much as these people to the support of Nazareth Orphans' Home. Booths are operated in like manner by the Women's Guild of the Synod. In early years the Bear Creek Church operated a picnic style table, "all you can eat for one dollar".

Our appreciation goes to our thousands of friends who celebrate with us each year at our Anniversary Day Picnic, held the first Thursday of August. Our records show that we have from six to ten thousand guests, depending on the weather and economic conditions of the land. Look what your loyal support has done for Nazareth Orphans' Home.

1907.....	\$ 400.00	1932.....	1,012.61
1908.....	450.00	1933.....	1,100.42
1909.....	300.00	1934.....	1,602.09
1910.....	300.00	1935.....	(Polio)
1911.....	314.13	1936.....	1,300.00
1912.....	590.74	1937.....	1,426.75
1913.....	597.03	1938.....	1,456.12
1914.....	659.22	1939.....	1,107.03
1915.....	690.82	1940.....	1,150.00
1916.....	715.50	1941.....	1,233.00
1917.....	739.88	1942.....	1,381.81
1918.....	1,014.97	1943.....	1,851.14
1919.....	1,433.78	1944 (Rained).....	1,336.08
1920.....	1,487.60	1945 (No Picnic).....	934.53
1921.....	1,562.31	1946.....	3,137.37
1922.....	1,447.76	1947.....	3,300.00
1923.....	780.33	1948.....	(Polio)
1924.....	1,937.48	1949.....	3,995.40
1925.....	2,290.81	1950.....	3,925.11
1926.....	1,652.72	1951.....	4,456.38
1927.....	1,988.44	1952.....	4,100.00
1928.....	1,856.33	1953.....	4,144.99
1929.....	2,033.63	1954.....	4,073.61
1930.....	1,864.01	1955.....	4,369.30
1931.....	1,747.54		

\$81,343.70

Anniversary Days

"The First Anniversary of the Home was held on September 12, 1907, on which occasion upwards of \$400.00 was realized. There were present members of our Church from all parts of the State, and some from

Pennsylvania—five or six hundred. Refreshments were served on the ground. Representatives as solicitors were busy all day. A cornet band gave fine music. Hon. W. W. Kitchen made an inspiring address, as did our own Dr. C. E. Wehler. In the afternoon the children gave an entertainment, consisting of songs and recitations." That was the beginning of Anniversary Days. The Anniversary has become the rallying ground for the Reformed Church in North Carolina. It has aided in the building of a church consciousness, ministering to unity and inspiring strength.

The 2nd. Anniversary, August 14, 1908. Rev. J. P. Diffenderfer of Hummlestown, Pennsylvania, delivered the address. The children, directed by Miss Ethel Shaffner, presented a program. The receipts were several hundred dollars. These occasions were held in the grove across the road from the McNairy home. There was a stand for the speaker and the band, and large enough for the children's program. The people stood about, while a few were seated on rough boards. It was a time when people did not demand the physical comforts. They had the hunger for the spiritual message so keenly that they forget all about inconveniences.

The 3rd Anniversary, August 13, 1909. The speaker was Rev. J. C. Leonard, D.D., pastor of the First Reformed Church, Lexington, N. C. "A splendid crowd greeted the children. Upwards of three hundred dollars was turned into the treasury, to which may be added much love and interest by all those present."

The 4th. Anniversary, August 11, 1910. Rev. James W. Meminger, D.D., pastor of St. Paul's Church, Lancaster, Pa., delivered the address. Receipts "were about \$300.00".

The 5th. Anniversary, August 10, 1911. Rev. James D. Andrew, D.D., pastor of the First Reformed Church of Burlington, N. C., delivered the address. Receipts were \$314.13. (Mr. Geo. H. Moose, Treasurer, has an accurate account of the receipts on Anniversary Day beginning this year.)

The 6th. Anniversary, August 8, 1912. Rev. Isaac N. Peightel, D.D., pastor of Grace Church, Greencastle, Pa., was the speaker. This year an "excursion train" was run from Greensboro. Hundreds of Reformed people came to the Home. These trains were run from Burlington next year on through 1917. Trains were run from Lenoir to Crescent 1913 to 1916. Thus Nazareth Orphans' Home became the "mecca" for all the Reformed Church in North Carolina. Receipts this year, \$590.74.

The 7th. Anniversary, August 7, 1913. This year the first Thursday in August was designated as Anniversary Day. The speaker was Rev. John B. Stonesiffer, pastor of the Reformed Church at Mt. Crawford, Va. Receipts were \$597.03. The cornerstone of the Lyerly Building for Boys was laid at this time.

The 8th. Anniversary, August 6, 1914. Mr. C. C. Barnhardt, Esq., a layman of the Reformed Church in High Point, addressed a large group. Dr. Lyerly had sounded forth the slogan "Ten Thousand at Anniversary Day". Receipts were \$659.22.

The 9th. Anniversary, August 5, 1915. General John E. Roller, an Elder in the Reformed Church of Harrisonburg, Va., was the speaker. The receipts were \$790.82.

The 10th. Anniversary, August 3, 1916. Hon. Theodore F. Kluttz, member of the U. S. Congress, of Salisbury, was speaker. The Lyerly Building for Boys was dedicated with appropriate services. The services of the day were held in this building and have been in all the succeeding years. Receipts were \$715.50.

The 11th. Anniversary, August 2, 1917. Rev. Joseph L. Murphy, D.D., pastor of Corinth Church, Hickory, delivered the address. It was Dr. Murphy's last visit to the Home which he had loved and served as a member of the Board. A few months later he entered the heavenly rest. The excursion train from Lenoir could not run because of the floods on the Catawba River. It was the time when the auto was taking the place of the horse and buggy. Receipts were \$739.88.

12th Anniversary, August 1, 1918. Hon. Emory L. Coblentz, LL.D., Elder of Christ Church, Middletown, Md., a member of the Board of Home Missions, was the speaker. The receipts were \$1,014.87.

The 13th. Anniversary, August 7, 1919. Rev. H. L. V. Shinn, D.D., pastor of St. John's Reformed Church, Germantown, Ohio, was the speaker. Mr. Shinn was one of the poor boys that Dr. Lyerly aided in his home and at Crescent Academy. He came to the scenes of his boyhood and to old friends. The crowds ran into the thousands. Receipts were \$1,433.78.

The 14th. Anniversary, September 2, 1920. (Rev. Harvey S. Stoner of Massilon, Ohio, came for August 5th. Only a few hundred people gathered because of the downpour of rain that day. Those present agreed to hold it 4 weeks later.) The speaker was Rev. Walter W. Rowe, D.D., pastor of Corinth Reformed Church, Hickory, N. C. The receipts were \$1,487.60.

The 15th. Anniversary, August 4, 1921. The speaker was Rev. John A. Ditzler, pastor of Grace Reformed Church, Newton, N. C. Receipts were \$1,562.31.

The 16th. Anniversary, August 3, 1922. Dr. Howard Rondthaler, President of Salem College, Winston-Salem, N. C., gave a masterly address on the "State of North Carolina". The receipts were \$1,447.71.

The 17th. Anniversary, August 2, 1923. Rev. Geo. Lonaker, D.D., pastor of Trinity Church, Akron, Ohio, was speaker. It was the first

year the genial face of Dr. J. M. L. Lyerly was not seen. He had presided at all former Anniversaries. The special feature of the day was the unveiling of a monument at his grave in the Bethany Church Cemetery. The address was delivered by the Rev. William C. Lyerly, pastor of Trinity Church, Concord. Receipts were \$780.33.

The 18th. Anniversary, August 7, 1924. Rev. George Stibitz, D.D., Ph.D., of the Central Theological Seminary, Dayton, Ohio, delivered the address. Rev. W. H. McNairy, Superintendent, laid the cornerstone of the Payne Building for Girls. Receipts were \$1,937.48.

The 19th. Anniversary, August 6, 1925. Rev. Paul S. Leinbach, D.D., Litt.D., Editor of the Reformed Church Messenger, Philadelphia, spoke. Receipts were \$2,290.81.

The 20th. Anniversary, August 5, 1926. Rev. Henry S. Gekeler, D.D., Editor of the Christian World, Cleveland, Ohio, was speaker. Receipts were \$1,652.72.

The 21st. Anniversary, August 4, 1927. Hon. John G. Carpenter, Solicitor, and Lutheran Church layman, Gastonia, N. C., was speaker. Receipts were \$1,988.24.

The 22nd. Anniversary, August 2, 1928. Mrs. Edwin C. Gregory, daughter of the late Senator Lee S. Overman, Salisbury, was speaker. Receipts were \$1,865.33.

The 23rd. Anniversary, August 1, 1929. Rev. John H. Keller, D.D., pastor of the Zion-Landis Charge, China Grove, spoke. Receipts were \$2,033.63.

The 24th. Anniversary, August 7, 1930. Rev. Harry D. Althouse, pastor of Corinth Church, Hickory, was speaker. Receipts were \$1,864.01.

The 25th. Anniversary, August 6, 1931. Rev. Walter W. Rowe, D.D., pastor of Central Reformed Church, Dayton, Ohio, was speaker. Dr. Rowe had served on the Board for many years. Receipts were \$1,747.54.

The 26th. Anniversary, August 4, 1932. President Howard R. Omwake, Ped.D., Litt.D., of Catawba College, Salisbury, was speaker. Rev. W. H. McNairy, who was soon to retire after 9 years of service, presided for his last time. The Board read suitable resolutions. Receipts were \$1,012.61.

The 27th. Anniversary, August 3, 1933. Elder John T. Fesperman, General Secretary of the Kannapolis Y.M.C.A., was speaker. Receipts were \$1,100.42.

The 28th. Anniversary, August 2, 1934. Rev. J. Leidy Yearick, Souderstown, Pa., formerly pastor of the Rockwell Charge, was speaker. Receipts were \$1,602.09.

The 29th. Anniversary. It was scheduled for August 1, 1935. On account of the quarantine in Rowan County (Infantile Paralysis) it was first postponed and finally abandoned. There were no receipts, but many of the churches sent in liberal contributions.

The 30th Anniversary, July 4, 1936. Rev. John C. Peeler, Promotional Director of Catawba College, Salisbury, delivered the address. The receipts were in excess of \$1,300.00.

The 31st. Anniversary was held August 5, 1937. Mr. I. G. Greer of the Mills Home delivered the address and there was a concert by the Cannon Mill Band.

The 32nd. Anniversary, August 4, 1938. Governor Clyde R. Hoey delivered the address, speaking on "Assets of Our Country". The children of the Home gave a program, "Hansel and Gretel".

The 33rd. Anniversary, August 3, 1939. Dr. Clyde A. Erwin, Superintendent of Public Instruction, delivered the address of the day and the children gave a play, "Tom Sawyer".

The 34th. Anniversary, August 1, 1940. Talks were made by Rev. A. R. Tosh, Dr. J. D. Andrew, and Rev. W. C. Lyerly. A play, "Sunny of Sunnyside", was given by the children.

The 35th. Anniversary, August 7, 1941. Hon. Loomis F. Klutz of Newton delivered the address of the day and the children gave a play, "Come From The Prairies".

The 36th. Anniversary, August 6, 1942. Rev. P. D. Brown of St. John's Lutheran Church, Salisbury, delivered the address of the day. The children sang choruses for their program.

The 37th. Anniversary, August 5, 1943. A concert was given by the Boyden High School Band.

The 38th. Anniversary, September 30, 1944. Postponed from August by quarantine, and the day was ruined by downpour of rain and flooded roads. No program. \$1,336 income.

The 39th. Anniversary, August 2, 1945. War restrictions, no meat, no sugar, no ice cream, no picnic.

The 40th. Anniversary, August 3, 1946. Program by the children, "A Day in Flowerdom".

The 41st. Anniversary, August 7, 1947. Program by the Cannon Mill Band.

The 42nd Anniversary, August 3, 1948. Polio quarantine. No picnic.

The 43rd. Anniversary, August 4, 1949. Address by Governor Kerr Scott. There was a record crowd. The children were introduced as a program.

The 44th. Anniversary, August 3, 1950. The program included Pet Show, Game Tournaments, Alumni Meeting.

The 45th. Anniversary, "Pageant of the Flags" by the children, and novelty and popular music by Jimmy Lemmons and Jimmy Blue, students from the State School for the Blind, Raleigh, N. C.

The 46th. Anniversary, August 7, 1952. Outdoor stage program by the children and music by Ed Potter, Jimmy Lemmons, Jimmy Ballew, and Harvey Miller, students from North Carolina State School for the Blind.

The 47th. Anniversary, August 6, 1953. Tournament Games, Greasy Pig, Greasy Pole, Band Music by the Rockwell High School Band and the Granite Quarry High School Band.

The 48th. Anniversary, August 5, 1954. Concert by the Rockwell School Band. Contests, Greasy Pig, and Greasy Pole.

The 49th. Anniversary, August 4, 1955. Music by The Dixie Play Boys of WSTP, Salisbury, Games and Contests.

The 50th. Anniversary, Thursday, August 2, 1956. Program Committee working on a special celebration as this information goes to press.

EXTRACTS FROM MINUTES OF THE SECRETARIES

MAY 6, 1904. We have purchased a tract of land containing 15 and 2/5 acres at a cost of \$410, of which \$362.75 has been paid. This is a desirable property located in the village of Crescent, Rowan County.

JULY 10, 1906. A committee consisting of Dr. Duttera, John H. Moose and L. M. Peeler reported the purchase of the McNairy farm for \$4,100, and it was approved by the Board.

OCTOBER 12, 1906. The Executive Committee reported having secured Miss Mary P. Abbot to direct the work of the Home for one year at \$25 per month, which was approved.

NOVEMBER 11, 1906. Jaunette, Will G. and Robert Carriker were admitted as the first children to the Home.

NOVEMBER 28, 1906. Edward G. Cowan was admitted to the Home.

JANUARY 22, 1907. Mary Holshouser was admitted to the Home.

JULY 12, 1907. Ozella, Agnes and Jerry Bostian were admitted.

SPECIAL NOTE. Arrangements have been made and the first Anniversary of the Home was held on September 12, 1907, on which occasion \$400 was realized.

FEBRUARY 4, 1909. There are two horses, several hogs, one two horse farm wagon, one two horse turn plough, one drill purchased last fall, and one ordinary drag harrow. A two horse cultivator was needed. 250 bushels of corn was raised, 1,000 quarts of fruits and vegetables canned, 2½ bales of cotton was raised, 75 bushels of sweet potatoes and 45 bushels of Irish potatoes. The Superintendent and larger boys did all the farm work. The Superintendent's wife and larger girls did all the house work. On motion the Board in a body visited the adjoining property and after a thorough examination on motion it was decided that the property be purchased for the sum of \$2,500, the price asked by the owner, Dr. Goodman.

MAY 4, 1910. The Treasurer reported receipts for the year of \$2,604.54, and expenditures \$2,397.57.

APRIL 30, 1914. Total receipts for the year were \$5,811.48; total disbursements for the year were \$5,763.19.

AUGUST 27, 1914. Arrangements were made to send the children to Crescent Academy on the same terms as last year, at half tuition.

MAY 22, 1915. We therefore recommend that the Building Committee be instructed to proceed to finish enough of the boys' building to take care of the school by school time in the hands of Rev. and Mrs. Bell and that \$100 be added to their salary.

DECEMBER 13, 1915. The Board learns with pleasure the intention of Mr. John H. A. Holshouser of Concord, to furnish the windows for the new building in memory of his deceased son. On motion Rev. Dr. Murphy was asked to get up proper inscription to be placed in the building.

MAY 9, 1917. A proposition from Dr. A. R. Holshouser to do the practice at the Home at half price was accepted and he was appointed physician for the Home.

MAY 5, 1919. The Board discussed the advisability of erecting a girls' dormitory at the home.

AUGUST 17, 1919. The Board ordered the Treasurer to purchase 16 acres of land and pay over some money to hold the deal.

DECEMBER 27, 1920. James Robbins ran away from the Home and is reported to have enlisted in the Navy.

FEBRUARY 5, 1921. Application was received for the admission of Hugh and Grady Fesperman.

MAY 10, 1922. It was ordered that new beds, new mattresses, be purchased for the girls' building, and that a bathtub be put in over the kitchen for the girls.

JUNE 24, 1922. On motion it was ordered that the high school pupils, also the 6th and 7th grades be sent to Rockwell School and that one teacher be employed to teach the others in the Home.

AUGUST 2, 1922. The following committee was appointed to New Girls' Dormitory Building Committee, to map out plans for building, and recommend plans for raising the money: J. T. Hedrick, Chairman, B. S. Shuford, J. T. Plott, A. A. Blackwelder, and Rev. A. S. Peeler, Mrs. C. E. Dechant, Mrs. John Trexler, and Dr. Callie McNairy.

MAY 2, 1923. The following resolutions, in memory of Dr. J. M. L. Lyerly, were read and adopted:

Whereas, God in His allwise providence has seen fit to call from the Church Militant to The Church Triumphant our beloved brother and co-worker, the Rev. J. M. L. Lyerly, Ph.D. Whereas, it was largely through his influence that the Classis of North Carolina undertook the great and important task of establishing our orphanage at Crescent, N. C., and that from its very beginning he was a member of the Board and also President of same.

Resolved that we as members of said Board do recognize in the departure of Dr. Lyerly a very great loss to the Board and the institution. He was always willing to give of his time and means to the development of the Home and made sacrifices for the same for which we shall hold him in grateful remembrance. May those who are left behind be just as loyal and faithful as he was in the discharge of their duties as members of the Board. We commend his family to our Heavenly Father who always cares for those who belong to Him.

OCTOBER 30, 1923. Rev. McNairy, George H. Moose, and Rev. W. C. Lyerly were appointed as a committee to submit plans and cost of a new dairy barn. It was built by G. A. Fisher of Concord. The Secretary was ordered to petition Rowan County Commissioners to hard surface the road through the orphanage property.

MARCH 4, 1924. Mr. J. T. Hedrick, Chairman of Committee, submitted plans and cost for a new girls' dormitory. The Board ordered that the Home school term be extended two months and the Treasurer was instructed to pay the teacher the same per month as by Rowan County.

MARCH 17, 1924. The Board accepted the bid of Mr. P. C. Wood of Salisbury for the girls' building, at a contract price of \$35,000 for turn key job, in which are included contracts previously awarded by the Board.

AUGUST 6, 1924. A committee was instructed to confer with the Rockwell Light and Power Company for better rates. Mr. J. W. Peeler was instructed to offer Mr. Bost a five cent rate for power and light.

AUGUST 6, 1924. Mr. M. C. Barnhardt, General Manager, Salisbury Marble Works, donated cornerstone for girls' dormitory, and Mr. M. L. Gantt donated copper box. Mr. Percy Bloxam's free service as consulting engineer for new building was accepted by the Board.

OCTOBER 3, 1924. Twenty acres of Kepley land was purchased by the Board for \$3,000.

JANUARY 12, 1925. The Secretary was instructed to write resolutions of thanks to Mr. J. B. Duke for his generous gift of \$40,000.00 for education and other needy causes in North and South Carolina, with personal appreciation for the share which the orphans of the two states will receive. Announcement of the death of Mr. John Hugh Moose was heard by the Board, and tribute was paid him in resolutions which were read at his funeral at Bear Creek Church, recorded in the minutes, and published in the Standard.

MAY 5, 1925. The Board ordered \$100 supplement to the salary of the pastor, Rev. H. A. M. Holshouser, of the Rockwell Charge. Seats were purchased for the chapel, from Catawba College. Receipts for the year were \$14,236.40 and expenses were \$12,175.70. 1925 survey by Mr. M. G. Lentz was completed and the survey showed the actual holdings of the Board as 137½ acres.

OCTOBER 16, 1925. Girls' building not yet completed. Board ordered bronze tablet placed in the reception room of the girls' dormitory in memory of Mrs. D. T. Payne, and suitable inscription be made on such tablet.

DECEMBER 30, 1925. The Kepley home sold to Mr. Samuel Morgan including 3½ acres of land for \$1,200.00.

MAY 11, 1926. The Board voted \$1,200.00 to provide furnishings for a room in memory of the late Dr. J. M. L. Lyerly, founder of the Home and President of the Board from 1904 to 1923. Superintendent McNairy reported that the children of the Home wanted to share in the proceeds from the cotton crop again this year. The Board heartily approved. Superintendent reported that Dr. C. E. Brown of Salisbury, Route 3, had given free medical service to the children and reported also the donation of service of Dr. R. V. Brawley and Dr. Mason Brawley, and the Salisbury Dental Association. The Secretary was instructed to write letters of appreciation to these men. Miss Lottie Byers graduated from the Rockwell School with the highest grades in her class for four years. The old safe was purchased from Catawba College for \$50.00.

JANUARY 25, 1929. The Superintendent's new home reported completed at a cost of \$5,998.53. Mrs. Daisy F. Patterson reported that the

Rowan County Improvement Association wants to aid in improving our grounds with shrubbery and lawn. The Board accepted the offer to the limit and would furnish the labor.

NOVEMBER 6, 1929. Bid was accepted of Mr. George Shuping for \$1,800.00 for the addition to the boys' dormitory with the exception of the heating system, bid for the heating system was awarded to Mr. M. N. Lisk of China Grove for the sum of \$949.90.

JANUARY 31, 1930. Superintendent McNairy is continued with committee to have road to highway top soiled. The road has been built but is impassable.

SEPTEMBER 10, 1930. The Synod of The Potomac were guests of the Home from 4 to 8 p.m. Superintendent McNairy, Mrs. Daisy F. Patterson, and Mr. Moose were the arrangement committee.

JANUARY 23, 1931. Children in grades from 6 to 11 are going to Rockwell Public School, and 1 to 5 go to community school.

MAY 2, 1932. Mr. Ray P. Lyerly, son of Dr. J. M. L. Lyerly, founder of the Home, was elected Superintendent by the Board.

AUGUST 26, 1934. Current receipts for the year 1933 were \$10,118.26 and expenses were \$10,153.27.

JANUARY 25, 1936. The Nellie Whitener Laundry Building completed last year now has machinery installed and working satisfactory.

JULY 2, 1935. The 29th. Anniversary Picnic was indefinitely postponed because Rowan County is under quarantine for children under 16 years of age due to the spread of Infantile Paralysis. Picnic was not held in 1935.

SEPTEMBER 3, 1936. The Board officially named the buildings on the campus as "Payne Building" girls' dormitory, "Santee Dining Hall" in Payne Building; "Lyerly Building", boys' dormitory; "Hedrick Chapel" in Lyerly Building; "Nellie Whitener Building", laundry; "McNairy Cottage", Superintendent's home; "The McNairy Dairy Barn"; "Hood Cottage", the farmer's home. The Alexander Lyerly farm was purchased by the Board; 100 acres for \$2,000.00.

JANUARY 29, 1937. Mr. L. Monroe Peeler requested to be released from the Board after 32 years of service. Superintendent Lyerly reported on the booklet, "Thirty Years of Service". 3,000 copies were printed at cost of \$297.50.

JANUARY 28, 1938. The Women's Missionary Society and The Girls' Missionary Guild refurnished the Lyerly Building for boys. Mrs. Daisy F. Patterson presented the report.

MARCH 24, 1938. Note was taken of the death of Elder J. Tilden Hedrick on February 19, 1938, and also the death of Elder John H. Plott on

February 4, 1938. Resolutions of respect were adopted with copies sent to respective families and to the Standard.

MAY 8, 1939. A report was made by Superintendent Lyerly on the drive for "The Improvement and Repair Fund" granted by the Classis to the Board committee composed of Mr. George H. Moose, Rev. Shuford Peeler, and Mr. John T. Fesperman. The Superintendent reported on the visitations to the churches by Mr. C. E. Dechant and Mr. J. G. Penny, members of First Church, Charlotte, who so generously and beautifully presented the "Improvement and Repair Fund" drive in the churches. From April 2, 1939 to February 4, 1940, 56 churches pledged \$8,036.00.

AUGUST 2, 1939. The Secretary reported that the Charter has been amended and has been filed with the Clerk of the Superior Court in Rowan County.

AUGUST 6, 1941. Secretary Rev. W. C. Lyerly reported that he had attended the meeting of The Commission On Benevolent Institutions of General Synod, held at the German Protestant Orphans' Home, St. Louis, Missouri, April 1941.

JANUARY 29, 1943. An educational fund was established for the Home by:

Mr. T. M. Stanback.....	\$ 200.00
Mr. Fred Stanback.....	200.00
Mr. Lotan Corriher.....	200.00
Mr. Charles Wentz.....	200.00
Miss Catherine Kluttz.....	200.00
Judge R. Lee Wright.....	25.00
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AUGUST 6, 1943. Thomas L. Moose was elected Superintendent to begin September 1, 1943. Mr. Moose is a member of Trinity Church, Concord. He is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Jacob O. Moose of Concord. He is married to Reedy Moore Jordan, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. F. Jordan of Rowland, N. C. Mr. and Mrs. Moose have a son, Thomas, Jr., and a daughter, Vickie Anne.

AUGUST 31, 1945. The Board authorized the publication and distribution of 3,000 copies of a news and financial nature.

FEBRUARY 6, 1948. The Board records with interest the organization of the Alumni Association of men and women who have gone out from the Home. Mr. F. B. Pless of Landis, N. C., was the first President; Mr. Charles Ramseur of Rockwell, Vice-President; Miss Louise Hedgecock of Greensboro, Secretary; and Mr. John Norris of Salisbury, Treasurer.

Rev. William C. Lyerly motion was adopted by the Board of Managers to create a "MEMORIAL FUND" in the orphanage for friends

and relatives to pay tribute and honor to deceased loved ones as a living memorial.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 19, 1948. The Board of Managers honored Mr. George H. Moose of Gold Hill, N. C., and Mr. J. W. Peeler of Rockwell with a testimonial dinner in the Santee Dining Hall of the Home. Mr. Moose served on the Board as Treasurer for 36 years and Mr. Peeler has served on the Board for 25 years.

AUGUST 4, 1948. The Board heard the report of the refurnishing of the Lyerly Building dormitory with new steel beds, dressers, study tables, and chairs, by the Southern Synodical Brotherhood Federation at a cost of \$2,800.

The Board authorized the replacement of the columns with encased steel beams, and replacement of floors in the shower rooms in the Payne Building and the building of an annex to back porch to house the new walk-in refrigerator and freezer donated by the Women's Guild of Southern Synod. At the same time the Board ordered that the Lyerly Building have a shower room installed, be painted, and have roof repaired. The farmer's home was painted inside and a new roof put on main part of building. The cost of these operations was \$9,056.00.

JULY 27, 1949. The Board voted to equip a 400-gallon trailer tank with fire engine and hose to be drawn by tractor for fire fighting purposes.

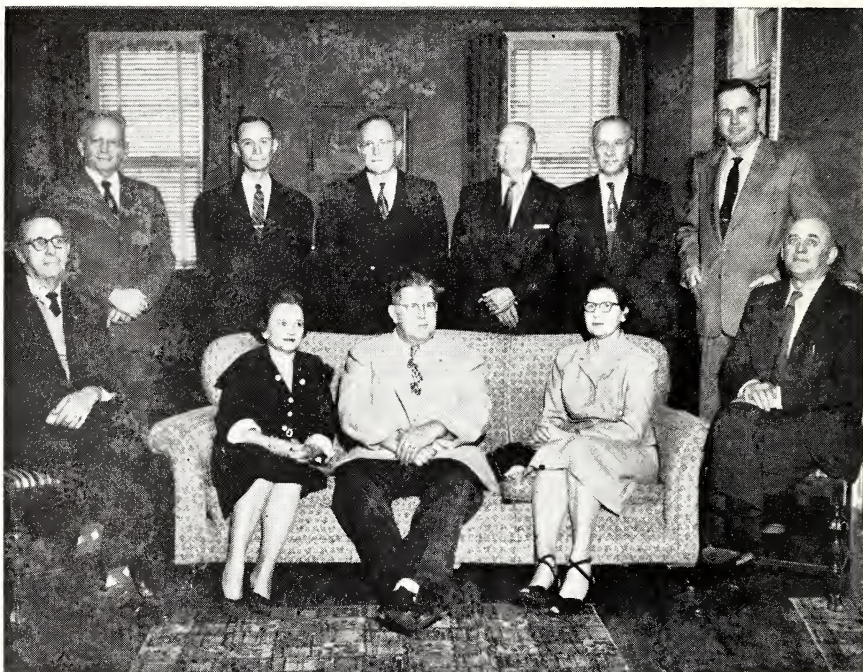
FEBRUARY 2, 1951. The Board of Managers in cooperation with the wishes of the staff agreed and voted to participate in the new Social Security coverage offered by extension of coverage to payrolls such as ours. Rev. W. C. Lyerly was elected President of the Board, Dr. J. M. Andrew Vice-President, Rev. T. M. Shoffner, Secretary, and Mr. J. Yorke Peeler was re-elected Treasurer.

FEBRUARY 1, 1952. The President and the Secretary were instructed to write resolutions of respect and gratitude to the late Dr. H. H. Newman of Salisbury and The Rowan Memorial Hospital for his dedicated service to the orphanage, completely gratis, with undying love for our children. It was recorded in our book and a copy sent to Mrs. Newman.

JULY 29, 1953. Superintendent Moose reported the organization of the orphanage band which was authorized by the Board.

FEBRUARY 3, 1954. The Board voted to observe the Fiftieth Anniversary of the Home in 1955 and an arrangement committee of Rev. T. M. Shoffner, Chairman, Mrs. Daisy Patterson, and Superintendent Moose was appointed by the President. The Board approved and ordered the installation of celotex on the ceilings and painting the rooms in the Lyerly Building.

JUNE 8, 1955. The Board authorized the changing of the Payne Building heating system from steam to circulating hot water, and the installation of a cooling system which was donated by the Women's Guild of Southern Synod. The men of Emanuel Church, Thomasville, offered to install cooling system in the Lyerly Building and the offer was accepted by the Board with appreciation.



THE BOARD OF MANAGERS 1956

Seated left to right: Mr. J. Yorke Peeler, Treasurer; Mrs. L. C. Holshouser; Dr. John M. Andrew, President; Mrs. Holly Lentz, and Dr. J. A. Smith. Standing: Dr. Banks J. Peeler; Rev. Terrell M. Shoffner, Secretary; Rev. Charles E. Hiatt; Mr. Paul B. Foil; Mr. Ray P. Lyerly, and Thomas Moose, Superintendent. Mr. Wade Shuford was absent and Rev. Lawrence N. Strunk had resigned to take a pastorate in another Synod.

Not all the meetings of the Board of Managers were held at the Home. Some oldtimers may remember these meetings.

August 13, 1903—Faith Reformed Church

May 6, 1904—First Reformed Church, High Point, N. C.

January 29, 1905—Ursinus Reformed Church, Rockwell

May 3, 1905—First Reformed Church, Lexington, N. C.
 May 10, 1906—Bear Creek Church
 May 8, 1907—First Church, Burlington, N. C.
 February 3, 1908—At Dr. Duttera's home, Salisbury
 April 4, 1908—Trinity Church, Concord
 April 27, 1909—First Reformed Church, Greensboro
 May 4, 1910—Zion Reformed Church, Lenoir
 May 7, 1911—Heidelberg Reformed Church, Thomasville
 May 1, 1912—Under the Arbor, Matthews, Maiden Reformed Church
 April 29, 1913—Mt. Zion Reformed Church, China Grove
 May 3, 1921—Trinity Reformed Church, Conover
 May 2, 1923—First Reformed Church, Charlotte
 June 17, 1924—Court House, Salisbury

The constitution provides for two meetings each year, "one of which shall be at the annual meeting of Synod" and the "other shall be at the Orphans' Home". Now both meetings are held in the office of the Superintendent. The annual meeting is the last Friday in January. At this time the annual report to Synod is authorized. The other is held prior to the Anniversary, and the Board is reorganized at this meeting. The members of the Board attend these meetings without any compensation and at their own expense.

The Board submits an annual report to the Southern Synod. The Superintendent is always given the floor of the Synod to present the cause of the orphan. For many years the Superintendent or the Secretary was given the floor of the Potomac Synod to present the needs of the Home.

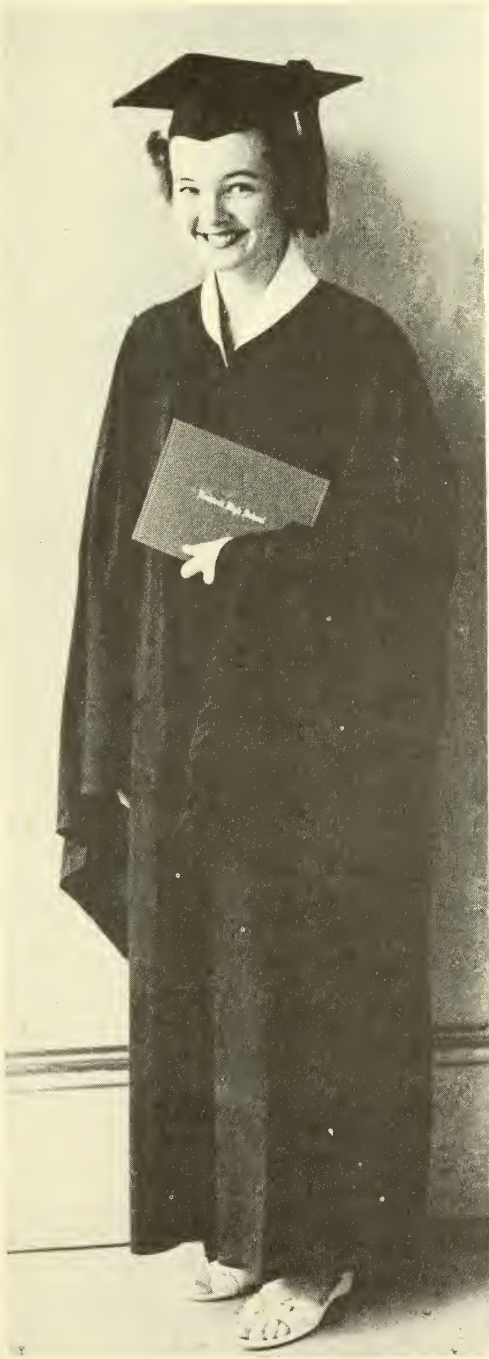
Nazareth Orphans' Home has grown in strength, in beauty, and in comfort for the benefit of the children served by her. Never before has she had so much to offer her children. We are geared for the most effective wholesome Christian living the institution has ever known. We can give each child in our care all he can hold for his body, mind, and soul. Some can hold only a spoon full while others hold a train load. We could have finer buildings, fancier and more elaborate furnishings, but they would add a glory we could not appreciate nor enjoy.

We have mentioned the names of many benefactors and many beneficiaries of Nazareth Orphans' Home in this book. May it reflect the Glory of the viewless forms who read of it over our shoulders, and an

acceptable honor to their memory. May those living find joy in their hearts and honor to their name.

This book is too small to record all the love and consideration shown Nazareth Orphans' Home by the thousands of unsung benefactors. May the stars in your crown add brightness to your soul.

There are many ways in which you can help Nazareth Orphans' Home to carry on her ministry to the children: gifts for annual support, gifts for equipment, gifts for endowment, annuity which the Board will write on the same scale as other institutions of the Church. You can remember Nazareth Orphans' Home in your Will, either designated or undesignated. The Board of Managers has adhered strictly to the wishes of donors, both gifts from the living, and bequests after death, in the administration of all funds



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